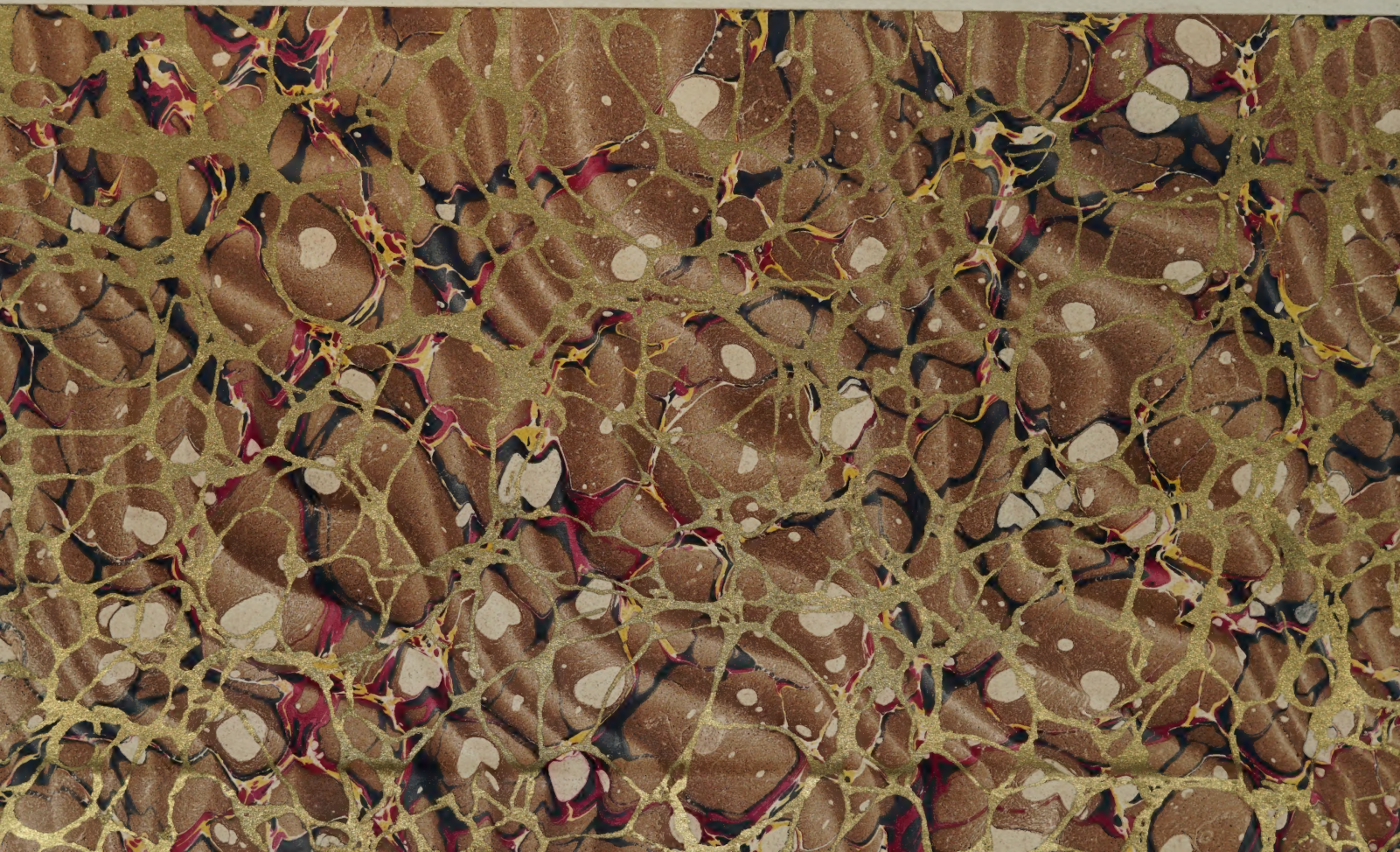
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OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1947

Broadway Print Shop Inc., Beverly, Mass.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

TOGETHER WITH THE

Report of the School Committee and the

Various Town Officers

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947

Broadway Print Shop Inc., Beverly, Mass.

TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1947

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1948
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1949
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1950

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1948
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1949
Stanley B. Hills	Term expires 1950

TOWN CLERK

Donald E. Anderson	Term expires 1950
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1950

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1949

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Helen E. Chadwick	Term expires 1948
Stephen J. Maddock	Term expires 1949
William J. Greenler, Jr.	Term expires 1950

BOARD OF HEALTH

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1948
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1949
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1950

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Paul Craven (Resigned) — Clayton A. Nelson
Vernon A. Childs (Appointed 8/8/47)

CHIEF OF POLICE

Clayton A. Nelson

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASRUERS

William R. Walsh

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Chester Killam — John W. Parkhurst
John T. Chadwick

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley — Term expires 1950

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster — Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archibald Peabody — Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

Albert Frost

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Walter K. Morse	Term expires 1948
Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1949
Clarence E. Brown	Term expires 1950

SWORN WEIGHER

John Orsini

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

Rosamond Price	Term expires 1948
William R. Walsh	Term expires 1949
Albert R. Gale	Term expires 1950
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1950
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1951
Seth L. Kelsey	Term expires 1951
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1952

TRUSTEE BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK
SURVEYORS OF LUMBER
FIELD DRIVERS

LIST OF JURORS—1947–1948

Adams, John Q., executive Killam Hill Road, Boxford

Anderson, Oscar O., electrician Lake Shore Road, West Boxford

Benson, John R., electrician Washington Street, West Boxford

Emery, Arthur L., mill worker Ipswich Road, West Boxford

Frost, Albert R., farmer Mt. Vernon Road, West Boxford

Gray, James P., laborer Ipswich Road, Boxford

Millen, Edward R., executive Georgetown Road, Boxford

Parkhurst, Robert B., electrical worker Ipswich Road, Boxford

Roberts, Franklin C., Jr., carpenter Depot Road, Boxford

Scribner, Walter B., farmer Endicott Road, Boxford

Shaw, Frederick J., laborer Ipswich Road, West Boxford

Whittier, Arthur D., laborer Glendale Road, West Boxford

At the Annual Town Meeting, held in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Monday March 3, 1947, the following business was transacted, viz: —

The polls were opened at 5:45 o'clock A. M. and closed at 12:30 P. M.

The number of votes cast was 259.
And the following persons were declared elected:
William J. Greenler, Jr., Moderator for one year.
Donald E. Anderson, Town Clerk for three years.
Harry L. Cole, Selectman for three years.
Simeon S. Pearl, Collector of Taxes for one year.
J. Warren Chadwick, Assessor of Taxes for one year.
Stanley B. Hills, Assessor of Taxes for three years.
William J. Greenler, Jr., School Committee for three years.
Harry L. Cole, Board of Health for three years.
Clinton E. French, Surveyor of Highway, East Parish for one year.

B. Robert Cunningham, Surveyor of Highway, West Parish for one year.

Alerson E. Noyes, Tree Warden for one year.
Paul Craven, Constable, East Parish for one year.
Clayton A. Nelson, Constable, West Parish for one year.
Charles L. Cotton, Planning Board for five years.
Seth L. Kelsey, Trustee of Boxford Public Library.
Article 2. Voted to pass over.
Article 3. Voted to accept Planning Board report as printed.

Voted to accept the reports of Town Officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report.

Article 4. Voted to adopt the suggested budget with the additions of $500.00 to the Snow Removal and Sanding Accounts, $300.00 to the Tree Warden account, $125.00 to the Memorial Day account.

Voted to adopt Budget as amended.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of $700.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1500.00 for the improvement of Georgetown Road, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County or both for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the purpose of improving the ancient graves in Harmony Cemetery.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate $500.00 for the Reserve Fund said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 9. Voted that the Town pay for labor in the various departments the same as last year, namely, 75 cents per hour.

Article 10. Voted that the $223.00 refunded from the County on account of Dog Licenses be divided equally between the two Libraries.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed $10,000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1947 tax levy, subject to approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23 Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

Article 12. Voted to allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for same; namely,

Perkins Press, Town Reports, 400 copies	$301.00
Zoning Map, plate and printing	36.00
	$337.00

Article 13. Voted that the matter of making roads passable when encumbered with snow be left in the hands of the Highway Surveyors.

Article 14. Voted that the matter of committing the taxes to the Collector and the manner of collecting the same be left with the Assessors.

Article 15. Voted that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947 and to issue a note or notes therefore, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 16. Voted to install an electric street light at the Boxford Post Office.

Article 17. Voted to adopt the Building Code as printed.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate $1000.00 to improve Lake Shore Road from Walter K. Morss' to the Groveland Line with a black road as far as possible.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two Libraries to be used toward the maintenance of same.

Article 20. Voted to appropriate a sum of money up to $13,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County allottments for highways and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reinbursement, said money when reinbursed to be credited to surplus revenue.

Article 21. Voted that the Town go on record as approving Health Bill #1133, also that the Town Clerk notify the Senator and Representative of this district of same.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes expressed their appreciation to the Selectmen, Highway Surveyors and others on the fine manner in which they carried out the building of the new road by their place.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes for the fine road for which they have reinbursed the Town.

Voted thanks to the Ladies of West Boxford for their delicious dinner.

Voted that the housing of the Fire Truck for the East Parish be left in the hands of the Selectmen for the time being.

Voted to dissolve the meeting at 4:45 P. M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At a special meeting held in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Friday, May 16, 1947, at 8. P.M. the following record was made:

Article 1. Voted to pass over without action.

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the Board of Appeals.

Article 3. Voted to pass over without action, on the petition of Robert J. Stewart.

Article 4. Voted to pass over without action, on the petition of Horace D. Moore and Geraldine O. Moore.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for the purchase of the so called Paradis Blacksmith Shop, if same can be purchased for that amount.

Amended that $400.00 be raised and appropriated for repairs to same if purchased for $600.00.

Article 6. Voted to transfer from the W P A Work account the amount of $300.00 to the Insurance Account.

Article 7. Voted to transfer $500.00 from the W P A Work account to the Veterans Benefit Account.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $8,000.00 to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, said money when reinbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 9. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 9.10 P.M. o'clock.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At a special meeting held in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Friday, November 21, 1947 at 8.00 P.M. the following record was made:

Article 1. Voted to transfer the amounts of money listed as follows:

$200.00 from Vocational Education and $150.00 from Elections to make $350.00 to Old Age Assistance.
$50.00 from Public Welfare to Police.
$50.00 from Public Welfare to Public Grounds.
$200.00 from Veteran's Bureau
300.00 from Veteran's Benefits
104.50 from W P A Expense

Total $604.50 to Forest Warden
$500.00 from Retirement System
180.76 from W P A Work

Total $680.76 to Paradis' Shop Fire House
$ 23.21 from Memorial Day
30.00 from Interest on Loans
45.00 from Street Lighting

Total $ 98.21 to Assessors
$150.00 from Town Forest
50.00 from Aid to Dependent Children
50.00 from Public Welfare
50.00 from Inspection of Slaughtering

Total $300.00 to Snow Removal

Article 2. Voted to transfer $300.00 from Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 3. Voted to transfer $400.00 from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate $850.00 from available funds for the renovation and improving of the lighting system in the Aaron Wood School.

Voted to appropriate $1750.00 from available funds for the renovation and improving of the heating system. This money to be used under the direction of a special Building Committee, said committee to include the Chairman of the School Committee and two others to be appointed by the Moderator.

Article 5. Voted to postpone action indefinitely.

Article 6. Voted to pass over without action.

Article 7. Voted to pass over without action.

Article 8. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 9.45 o'clock.

BIRTHS

For the year ending December 31, 1947

Date of Birth	*Child's Name*	*Parents' Name*
1946		
Dec. 13	Carole Joyce Blaisdell	Howard Rolland Blaisdell Hilda Mary (Costa)
1947		
Jan. 21	William Frederick Weiss	Maurice Weiss Constance (Pym)
Jan. 28	Suzanne French	Archer Norman French Estelle Mildred (Kruschwitz)
Feb. 14	Clara Ann Houldsworth	Ronald Houldsworth Marjorie E. (Andrews)
Feb. 26	Terry Lee Abbott	Lester Merrill Abbott, Jr. Margaret Myrtle (Barthelemy)
Feb. 27	James Leonard Melvin	Leonard J. Melvin Rise (Stevenson)
May 22	James Butler Pierce, Jr.	James B. Pierce Anne M. (Means)
June 3	Timothy Frances Stelzner	William B. Stelzner Gertrude E. (Corcoran)
June 13	Brendan Peter Foster	Charles Henry Foster, Jr. Mary Margaret (McCallion)
July 6	Robert Joseph Alder	Robert E. Alder Marion (Fitzsimmons)
Oct. 1	Mary Jo-McGregor	Arthur McGregor Grace (Robinson)
Oct. 6	Janet Rita Greenler	William J. Greenler, Jr. Rita A. (O'Neill)
Nov. 1	Jane Carol Hagar	Robert Perry Hagar Thelma Elizabeth (Ward)
Nov. 16	John Meldrum Putnam	Raymond Gentlee Putnam Ruth Musselman (Shields)
Nov. 17	Charlotte Faye	Herbert Homans Whittemore Francoise Theresa (Auger)

For the year ending December 31, 1947

DEATHS

Date 1947	*Name*	*Y.*	*M.*	*D.*
Jan. 19	Mabel Farnham Moxley	70	8	21
Jan. 21	William Frederick Weiss	—	—	—
Jan. 22	George B. Parkhurst	77	11	16
Feb. 19	Ernest Knaebel	74	8	5
Feb. 22	Cornelia (Park) Knaebel	72	6	15
Feb. 25	George Milton Stearns, Jr.	67	2	29
June 16	George P. Barker	43	—	—
July 23	John Frederic Benson	73	10	17
July 27	Earl F. Smith	22	—	—
Nov. 3	Allen F. Breed	78	4	5
Nov. 30	Hattie E. Crawford	63	6	—
Nov. 30	Jane Carol Hagar	—	—	30
Dec. 8	Sarah (Field) Hopping	76	10	10

For the year ending December 31, 1947

MARRIAGES

Date 1947	*Names*	*Residence*
Feb. 14	John A. Goodhue	Beverly, Mass.
	Eugenia B. Hopping	West Boxford, Mass.
Feb. 14	Laroy Henry Bryer	Boxford, Mass.
	Thresa Lura (White) Smith	Haverhill, Mass.
Mar. 23	William F. Oakley, Jr.	Durham, N. C.
	Blanche Lesley Turner	West Boxford, Mass.
Apr. 13	William Walter Purkis	Boxford, Mass.
	Shirley Ruth Rollins	Peabody, Mass.
July 12	Frederick A. Smallman	Wallaston, Mass.
	Charlotte O. Anderson	West Boxford, Mass.
Sept. 14	Roger A. Hamilton	Lynn, Mass.
	Martha E. Mortimer	Boxford, Mass.
Oct. 12	Charles A. Barr	Marblehead, Mass.
	Judith F. Perkins	Boxford, Mass.
Nov. 9	Raymond J. Connor, Jr.	Boxford, Mass.
	Jean Goudreau	So. Hamilton, Mass.
Dec. 14	Arthur M. Rollins	Boxford, Mass.
	Ruth Eleanor Gamble	Boxford, Mass.

DOG LICENSES

96 Males @ $2.00 each	$192.00
28 Spades @ $2.00 each	56.00
18 Females @ $5.00 each	90.00
2 Kennels @ $25.00 each	50.00
1 Military Dog	Free
1 Transfer @ $.25 each	.25
	$388.25
144 Fees @ $.20	28.80
Paid Town Treasurer	$359.45

HUNTING LICENSES

18 Fishing Licenses @ $2.00 each	$36.00
8 Hunting Licenses @ $2.00 each	16.00
17 Sporting Licenses @ $3.25 each	55.25
5 Minor's & Women's Fishing Licenses @ $1.25 each	6.25
1 Minor's Trapping License @ $2.25 each	2.25
2 Resident Citizen Trapping Licenses @ $5.25 each	10.50
1 Duplicate License @ $.50 each	.50
1 Resident Citizen's Sporting License	Free
1 Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting Lic.	Free
	$126.75
51 Fees @ $.25	12.75
Amount sent Division of Fisheries & Game	$114.00

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. ANDERSON
Town Clerk

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Telephone	$121.76
Salary	100.00
Labor & Patrol	1,455.08
Supplies & equipment	830.89
Total	$2,507.73
Unexpended balance	46.77
Appropriation & transfers	$2,554.50

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH
Forest Warden

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen
Boxford, Mass.
Gentlemen:

During the year 1947 I have tested and sealed the following:

1 Platform over 5000 pounds
2 Platforms under 5000 pounds
1 Computing scale
6 Spring scales
2 Kerosene pumps
6 Gasolene meters
1 Grease meter
3 Oil pumps

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM R. WALSH
Sealer of Weights and Measurers

REPORT OF BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

To the Citizens of Boxford:

As Agent of the above named Bureaus, I present the following report:

The total expenditures in these departments during 1947 were as follows: Under O.A.A. $9,473.69 of this amount $2,123.69 was paid from money received in Federal Grants, the other $6,350.00 being paid from money appropriated by the town. Reembursements were received by Federal and State in the amounts of $4,570.18 and $3,694.00, respectively. The balance of $1,209.51 constitutes the actual cost paid by the town.

Under A.D.C. $1,282.00 was expended, $1,125.55 of which was contributed by the town.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY L. COLE
Agent

THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has had an active year. Aomng the many problems considered that affect the welfare of the town, the matter of improvements to school facilities received earnest consideration. The board met twice with the members of the school committee, and as a result voted to approve certain recommendations of that committee for improvement

of the heating and lighting of the Aaron Wood School. At the special Town Meeting at which this matter was considered the school committee apparently felt it was best not to submit these recommendations to the town, so the planning board supported motions which were adopted and which they believe would satisfactorily answer the need for better heat and light at the Aaron Wood School. This work has since been done.

Considerable thought and study has been given t ofuture school building and equipment requirements of the town. The planning board believes that an adequate central school is the logical development and will eventually come. However, this project seems impractical at the present time for many reasons, so the board is in favor of making the minimum essential additions to present facilities so that proper educational requirements may be met. We urge the town, however, to keep in mind that present building costs are high and our building program should not go beyond the extent required to give reasonably adequate facilities.

At the last annual meeting the town voted almost unanimously to adopt a building code. As a certified copy of a record vote was not submitted to the Attorney-General's office, this building code was not approved. The planning board is therefore presenting it again this year for the consideration of the town.

We are also submitting a bylaw which provides for the appointment of a finance committee, and requires the submission to them of all articles in town warrants involving appropriation of money. The General Laws require us to have such a committee, and we recommend that the town adopt this bylaw.

Our Zoning Bylaw has been in operation more than eighteen months and we feel that it has played a vital part in the preservation of values in the town as well as helping to keep it the kind of town in which we all want to live.

Respectfully submitted,
WARREN T. CHADWICK
CHARLES L. COTTON
ALBERT G. GALE
SIMEON S. PEARL
WILLIAM R. WALSH
ROSAMUND PRICE, *Secretary*
SETH L. KELSEY, *Chairman*
Planning Board

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE

	North Andover	Boxford	Total
Appropriated in 1947	$700.00	$200.00	$900.00
Expended to December 31, 1947	† 547.37	† 76.84	624.21
Balance, December 31, 1947	$152.63	$123.16	$275.79

† Basis of Apportionment, Chapter 559, Acts of 1945, An act establishing the basis of apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover $9,386,690.00 — Per Cent .8769
Boxford 1,317,222.00 — Per Cent .1231

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES J. MAKER
District Treasurer

REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER—BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following cases were assisted since the origin of the North Andover–Boxford District:

Discharge ;copy;	35
Discharge ;recorded;	9
State Bonus	22
Flags	1
Housing Inquiries	36
Information	83
Notorization	71
Taxes	6
Terminal Leave	69
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION	
Burial	4
Compensation	27
Education—Training—Rehabilitation	17
Hospitalization	7
Insurance	19
Medical–Dental	8
Pensions	12

Respectfully submitted,
BERNARD W. BINGHAM
District Director

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH 1947

In 1947 contagious diseases reported to the Board of Health were as follows: Nine cases of Chicken Pox, eight of Dog Bite, two each of Whooping Cough and Scarlet Fever, and one each of undulent fever and mumps.

Several cases were also investigated where no report was received.

The Public Dump on Spofford Road has been improved during the year and many citizens have made use of it.

In 1948 we hope to have an adequate sign placed at the junction of Ipswich and Spofford Road to aid those not already familiar with the location.

Four recreational camps were inspected, the water analized and permits issued under the provisions of Chapter 140, as amended by Chapter 41 6, Acts of 1939.

Seven milk dealers' permits, two store ilcenses and one ice cream mix license were issued.

Upon application, samples were taken from five private water supplies, analized and reports sent to the owners.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Health

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

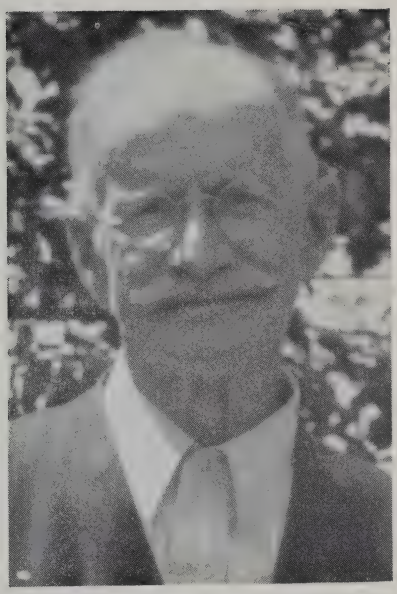
To the Board of Selectmen
Boxford, Mass.
Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year ending Dec. 31, 1947, I submit the following report:

The annual inspection of barns and animals is still in effect by order of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control. However, the number of farm animals in Boxford has decreased considerably from the number inspected in years past. Nevertheless it is necessary to visit all farms wherejny live stock isjept.

The work of the year has been largely the routine checking on tag numbers and test records of cattle brought in from some other state. This checking applies not only to cattle brought in for dairy purposes but also those brought in to slaughter.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. J. GREENLER, D.V.M.
**nspector of Animals*



George Byam Parkhurst

Born February 6, 1869 Died January 22, 1947

Town Auditor, 1893 to 1902

Election Officer, 1903 and 1908 to 1943

Measurer of wood and bark, 1910 and 1911

Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1911 to 1924

Selectman, Pound Keeper, Fence Viewer, and Hog Reeve, 1911, 1915, 1917, and 1919

Overseer of the Poor, 1912, 1915, 1917, 1919

Member of Military Registration Board, 1917

Chief Registrar for Selective Service, 1940

Fire Chief, 1927

Assessor of Taxes, 1912 to 1918—1924 to 1947

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operating cost of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government, and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year was	$106,974.40
Other expenses for the year were:	
State Tax	950.00
State Parks and Reservations	59.44
County Tax	2,752.11
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	559.29
Overlay for 1947	1,688.08
State Parks and Reservations 1946 underestimate	22.37
County Tax 1946 underestimate	52.49
State audit of municipal accounts	240.60
	$113,298.78
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated as	$67,972.63
Deducting the expected revenue from total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	45,326.15
The Poll tax—310—yielded	620.00

In order to collect the balance of $44,706.15 called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was assigned a value for assessment purposes. These assessments were as follows:

Personal estate	$189,877.00
Real estate—buildings and land	1,125,010.00
Giving a total valuation of	$1,314,887.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $34.00 which made a tax on personal property of $6,455.82 and on real estate $38,250.34.

The Excise tax on 579 cars valued at $147,790.00 at the State wide rate of $36.23 yielded $4,085.55.

There was a special "Moth Tax" of $68.37.

Respectfully submitted,
STANLEY B. HILLS
J. WARREN CHADWICK
HARRY L. COLE
Assessors

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1944		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1947	$1,505.55	
Interest collected	176.96	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$1,460.55
Personal		45.00
Interest		176.96
	$1,682.51	$1,682.51
TAXES—1945		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1947	$2,685.91	
Interest collected	193.52	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$2,513.41
Personal		128.55
Interest		193.52
Abatements:		
Poll		4.00
Classified Forest Land		9.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		2.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1948		28.95
	$2,879.43	$2,879.43
TAXES—1946		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1947	$6,623.36	
Interest and costs collected	69.57	
Refund, Real Estate	10.00	
Audit adjustments	53.92	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$2,477.95
Personal		430.24
Poll		6.00
Classified Forest Land		28.40
Motor Vehicle Excise		469.82
Interest and costs		69.57
Abatements:		
Poll		8.00
Real Estate		13.92
Motor Vehicle Excise		8.00
Transfer to Tax Title account		2.40
Audit adjustments		11.52
Uncollected Jan 1, 1948		3,231.03
	$6,756.85	$6,756.85

TAXES—1947

Real Estate commitments	$38,262.24	
Personal Property commitment	6,455.81	
Poll Tax commitment	620.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise commitments	4,085.55	
Classified Forest Land assessment	179.28	
Moth assessment	68.37	
Interest and costs collected	7.13	
Poll tax refunds	8.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	22.26	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$31,500.89
Personal		5,596.06
Poll		496.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		3,102.10
Classified Forest Land		143.58
Moth		62.37
Interest and costs		7.13
Abatejents:		
Poll		118.00
Real Estate		115.09
Motor Vehicle Excise		152.25
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1948		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1948		8,415.17
	$49,708.64	$49,708.64

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$37,952.80
Personal Property	6,199.85
Poll	502.00
Classified Forest Land	171.98
Moth	62.37
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,571.92
Interest and costs	447.18
Paid to Treasurer	48,908.10

Respectfully submitted,
SIMEON S. PEARL
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1947 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1947		$38,884.65
Receipts:		
S. S. Pearl, Tax Collector	$48,908.10	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways of Massachusetts:		
Highways	13,119.51	
Education	829.56	
Taxes	15,068.96	
Old Age Assist., grants & refunds	8,140.41	
Aid to Dep. Child., grands & refunds	699.38	
Veterans' Aid refund	125.00	
Animal Inspection refund	25.00	
Forestry refund	50.00	
Snow removal, Rts. 97 & 133	8.25	
County of Essex:		
Highways	1,500.00	
Dog License refund	223.00	
Trust Funds, income	971.23	
Departmental receipts	936.70	
Licenses and permits	742.95	
Rents from town property	206.00	
Departmental refunds	44.00	
Sale of wood	34.00	
Withholding Tax account	2,101.30	
Court fine	25.50	
All other	3.61	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$93,760.46
		$132,645.11
Disbursements:		
Treasury Warrants, as issued by Accountant and approved by the Selectmen		$99,633.42
Balance December 31, 1947		$33,011.69

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,
LUCY K. PARKHURST
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $13,650:

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½'s 70/65	$6,500.00
7,150 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2⅞'s 60/55	7,150.00
	$13,650.00

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1947	$5,151.92
Interest for the year 1947	129.59
Balance January 1, 1948	$5,281.51

Interest froj the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:

On Deposit Jan. 1, 1947	$100.60
Interest for the year 1947	2.01
Balance January 1, 1948	$102.61

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1947	$7,342.61
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	368.50
Savings Bank interest for 1947	185.46
Balance January 1, 1948	$7,896.10

Deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds as follows:

$2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds reg. 2½'s 69/64	$2,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½'s 71/66	3,000.00
2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 1½'s 50/45	2,000.00
	$7,000.00

Interest from these bonds is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1947	$332.61
Interest on U. S. Treas. Bonds, 1947	155.00
Savings Bank interest for 1947	8.75
	$496.36

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:	
On deposit January 1, 1947	$243.71
Interest for 1947	6.12
Balance January 1, 1948	$249.83

SARAH P. PEARLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:	
On deposit January 1, 1947	$2,123.64
Interest for 1947	42.67
Balance January 1, 1948	$2,166.31

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:	
On deposit January 1, 1947	$2,000.00
Interest for 1947	40.20
	$2,040.20
Withdrawn	40.20
Balance January 1, 1948	$2,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit January 1, 1947	1,500.00
Interest for 1947	37.73
	$1,537.73
Withdrawn	37.73
Balance January 1, 1948	1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit January 1, 1947	$1,500.00
Interest for 1947	30.15
	$1,530.15
Withdrawn	30.15
Balance January 1, 1948	$1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit January 1, 1947	$1,500.00
Interest for 1947	37.73
	$1,537.73
Withdrawn	37.73
Balance January 1, 1948	$1,500.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1947

During the past year the Committee thought it advisable to change the Funds to banks that were paying a higher rate of interest

So on

Feb. 25, 1947, Deposited in the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book No. 11474	$1,000.00
Taken from the Lawrence Savings Bank.	
May 2, 1947, Deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book No. 5501	2,000.00
$1,000.00 taken from the Haverhill Savings Bank, and $1,000.00 from the Essex Savings Bank.	
May 23, 1947, Deposited in the Salem Savings Bank, Book No. 83786. Taken from Warren Five Cents Savings Bank.	1,000.00
Total amount of Fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above Fund has been sent to the Town Treasurer by checks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank	$10.00
Essex Savings Bank	10.00
Haverhill Savings Bank	10.00
Warren Five Cents Savings Bank	10.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	10.42
Salem Savings Bank	8.33
Danvers Savings Bank	16.67
Total	$75.42

Gain of 42 cents over last year but trust it will be more next year.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. PARKHURST
CHESTER KILLUM
JOHN T. CHADWICK
Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
LUCY K. PARKHURST
Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1947

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector:		
Real Estate	$31,500.89	
Personal Property	5,596.06	
Poll	496.00	
Classified Forest Land	143.58	
Moth Assessment	62.37	$37,798.90
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	6,451.91	
Personal Property	603.79	
Poll	6.00	
Classified Forest Land	28.40	7,090.10
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1946	$469.82	
Levy of 1947	3,102.10	3,571.92
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$10,117.51	
Chap. 90 Construction	3,000.00	13,117.51
For Education:		
Mass. School Fund (Part II)	486.83	
Tuition, State Children	342.73	829.56
For Taxes, etc:		
Income Tax	8,655.67	
Corporation Taxes	2,279.23	
Loss of Taxes	462.69	
Highway Fund, Chap. 719	3,390.02	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	281.35	
Snow Removal	8.25	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Forestry	50.00	15,152.21
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$3,694.00	
Old Age Assist., U. S. Grant	4,294.09	
Old Age Assist., Admin., U. S. Grant	152.32	
Aid to Dependent Children	404.76	
Aid to Dep. Child., U. S. Grant	270.00	
Aid to Dep. Child., Admin., U.S. Grant	24.62	
Military Aid	125.00	8,964.79
Carried forward		$86,524.99

Brought forward		$86,524.99
County of Essex		
Chapt. 90 Construction	$1,500.00	
Dog License Refund	223.00	$1,723.00
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Interest on School Funds	75.42	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	77.93	
West Parish	67.88	
J. T. Barker State Fund	750.00	971.23
Departmental Accounts:		
Highway	337.60	
Old Age Assistance	575.10	
Forest Warden	13.90	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	10.10	936.70
Licenses:		
Dog	359.45	
Slaughter	300.00	
Building	51.00	
Revolver	10.50	
Junk	9.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	2.50	
Auctioneer	2.00	
Recreational Camps	2.00	
Lord's Day	1.50	742.95
Unclassified:		
Interest on Taxes	441.58	
Tax Costs	5.60	
Income Tax deductions	2,101.30	
Rent of Town Halls	110.00	
Rent of Morse House	96.00	
Wood	34.00	
Departmental Refunds	44.00	
Central District Court	25.50	
All other	3.61	2,861.59
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$93,740.46

EXPENDITURES FOR 1947

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$849.83	
Board of Public Welfare	525.00	
Assessors	893.27	
Treasurer	206.97	
Town Clerk	202.15	
Accountant	684.79	
Tax Collector		1,620.17
Registrars	74.75	
Elections	42.75	
Board of Health	237.85	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	585.75	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
Planning Board	17.65	
Appeal Board	24.18	
Building Inspector	2.45	
		$6,017.56

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$27.25	
Dog Officer	50.00	
Police	390.05	
Deputy Game Warden	50.00	
Forest Warden	2,507.73	
Fire Warden	691.65	
Tree Warden	541.67	
Moth Suppression	1,183.87	
FirePumping Engine	2,893.25	
		$8,335.47

AID AND RELIEF BENEFITS

Public Welfare	$326.00	
Old Age Assistance	6,350.00	
Olg Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	3,123.69	
Old Age Assistance, Admin., U. S. Grant	102.50	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,125.55	
Aid to Dependent Child., U. S. Grant	156.45	
Aid to Dep., Child., Admin., U. S. Grant	25.00	
Veterans' Benefits	660.00	
		11,869.17

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$25,520.29	
School—Special Appropriation	2,000.00	
J. T. Barker School Fund	750.00	
East Parish Library Association	389.43	
West Parish Library Association	379.38	
		$29,039.10

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 90 Construction	$5,760.28	
Lake Shore Road	1,000.00	
Chap. 81 Maintenance	14,703.85	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,490.75	
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,490.40	
Road Machinery Maintenance	995.87	
Street Lighting	544.91	
Snow Removal and Sanding	3,971.04	
		$29,967.10

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	$1,133.50	
Public Grounds	150.00	
Insurance	1,657.75	
Community House	11.25	
Harmony Cemetery	200.00	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Soldiers' Graves	221.75	
Memorial Day	226.79	
Contingent Fund	191.99	
Clerical	125.00	
Withholding Tax deductions	2,101.30	
Town Reports	337.00	
Veterans' Bureau	200.00	
Interest on Loans	70.00	
Schoolhouse Loan	2,000.00	
Paradis Shop, purchase & repairs	1,216.95	
Essex Sanatorium Assessment	559.29	
State Tax	950.00	
State Parks & Reservations	43.55	
County Tax	2,263.17	
State Audit	240.60	
Dog Licenses to County	414.85	
Real Estate Tax refunds	10.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	22.26	
Poll Tax refunds	8.00	
		$14,405.00

TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS	$99,633.42

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The Selectmen present the following report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

The usual amount of Chapter 81 money has been spent for maintenance of the secondary roads which included reshaping, gravel patching and resurfacing some black-top sections.

Under Chapter 90 Maintenance $1,500.00 was used for resurfacing Washington Street which is a Chapter 90 highway.

Under Chapter 90 Construction another section of Georgetown Road has been rebuilt and oiled which extends the improved road nearly to Boxford village.

Complying with the vote at the last annual Town Meeting a section of Lake Shore Road was rebuilt and a black-top surface applied.

During the year the bridge on Towne Road as explained and several new timbers added.

Owing to the constant increase in traffic on State Route 133, Washington Street, it seemed wies to ask the State and County to allocate money for the improvement of the very dangerous curve northeasterly from West Boxford village. This plan was agreeable to the State and County authorities who have set aside the sum of $11,250.00 for this project.

In accordance with a vote of the town the Selectmen have acquired for use as a fire house the Paradis Shop for the sum of $600.00. Sufficient repairs have been made, mostly by volunteer labor of the firemen, to house the fire truck in the building.

The interior of Lincoln Hall was refinished and now presents a very attractive appearance. The labor for this improvement was contributed by emmbers of the Legion Post.

The Selectmen wish to express their gratitude for these very generous contributions and for the cooperation received from all departments of the town.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Coal	$121.25
Labor	118.50
Janitor	175.00
Supplies & equipment	276.90
Total	$691.65
Unexpended balance	58.35
Appropriation	$750.00

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH
Fire Chief

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1947

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$850.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$825.00	
Office supplies	8.83	
State and County Association Dues	16.00	
Total expenditures	$849.83	
Balance to revenue	.17	
	$850.00	$850.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$550.00
Salaries, Bd. of Pub. Wel.	$375.00	
Clerical	100.00	
Travel	39.00	
Postage	11.00	
Total expenditures	525.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$550.00	$550.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$800.00
Transfer from Memorial Day		23.21
Transfer from Interest on Loans		30.00
Transfer from Sgreet Lighting		55.00
Salaries, Assessors	$650.00	
Abstracts	30.00	
Office Supplies	21.52	
Clerical	185.75	
Assessors Association dues	6.00	
Total expenditures	893.27	
Balance to revenue	4.94	
	$898.21	$898.21

Treasurer

Appropriation		$400.00
Salary, Treasurer	$150.00	
Bond	33.00	
Office supplies	18.17	
Rent of safety deposit vault	4.80	
Treasurers' Association dues	1.00	
	1.00	
Total expenditures	$206.97	
Balance to revenue	93.03	
	$300.00	$300.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$300.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$168.00	
Bond	7.50	
Office supplies	26.65	
Total expenditures	202.15	
Balance to revenue	97.85	
	$300.00	$300.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		120.17
Salary, Tax Collector	$1,467.08	
Bonds	50.00	
Office expenses	103.09	
Total expenditures	$1,620.17	$1,620.17

Accountant

Appropriation		$700.00
Salary, Accountant	$600.00	
Office supplies	84.79	
Total expenditures	684.79	
Balance to 1948	15.21	
	$700.00	$700.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$150.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$54.75	
Clerical	20.00	
	20.00	
Total Expenditures	74.75	
Balance to revenue	75.25	
	$150.00	$150.00

Elections

Appropriation		$300.00
Services, Town Clerk	$ 3.75	
Supplies and printing	39.00	
Total expenditures	$42.75	
Transfer to Old Age Assistance	150.00	
Balance to revenue	107.25	
	$300.00	$300.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$200.00
Legal services	$10.00	
Printing & supplies	7.65	
Total expenditures	17.65	
Balance to revenue	182.35	
	$200.00	$200.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$200.00
Advertising	$10.38	
Office supplies	13.80	
Total expenditures	24.18	
Balance to revenue	175.82	
	$300.00	$300.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$75.00
Office supplies	$2.45	
Balance to 1948	72.55	
	$75.00	$75.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$300.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$50.00	
Supplies and postage	6.25	
Maintenance of dumps	181.60	
Total expenditures	237.85	
Balance to revenue	62.15	
	$300.00	$300.00

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital

Appropriation		$559.29
County Assessment, Essex Sanitorium	$559.29	
	$559.29	$559.29

Inspector of Slaughtering and Animals

Appropriation		$850.00
Salaries:		
Inspectors of Slaughtering	$585.75	
Inspectors of Animals	50.00	
Total expenditures	635.75	
Transfer to Snow Removal	50.00	
Balance to Revenue	164.25	
	$850.00	$850.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$400.00
Transfer from Welfare		50.00
Services, Police officers	$378.35	
Supplies	11.70	
Total expenditures	$390.05	
Balance to revenue	59.95	
	$450.00	$450.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Dog officer	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Deputy Game Warden

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary and expenses	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$35.00
Salary, Sealer of Weights and Measures	$25.00	
Office expense	2.55	
Total expenditures	$27.25	
Balance to revenue	7.75	
	$35.00	$35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$750.00
Janitor service	$175.00	
Labor	118.50	
Outside help	84.00	
Fuel	121.25	
Supplies	80.66	
Equipment	83.44	
Repairs	12.33	
All other	16.47	
Total expenditures	$691.65	
Balance to revenue	58.35	
	$750.00	$750.00

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		450.00
Transfer from Veteran's Bureau		200.00
Transfer from Veteran's Benefit		300.00
Transfer from W. P. A. Expense		104.50
Salary	$100.00	
Labor	570.75	
Fire Patrol	875.33	
Equipment	736.09	
Telephone	121.76	
Supplies	46.26	
Repairs	46.05	
All others	1.49	
Total expenditures	$2,507.73	
Balance to revenue	467.7	
	$2,554.50	$2,554.50

Fire Pumping Engine

Balance from 1946		$2,910.75
New Equipment	$2,893.25	
Balance to revenue	17.50	
	$2,910.75	$2,910.75

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$600.00
Labor	$275.25	
Truck	61.00	
Trimming & cutting large elms	181.00	
Supplies	24.42	
Total expenditures	$541.67	
Balance to revenue	58.33	
	$600.00	$600.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$1,300.00
Labor	$423.76	
Trucks	132.75	
D. D. T. Spraying	150.00	
Equipment	399.00	
Supplies	38.31	
Repairs	33.05	
All other	7.00	
Total expenditures	$1,183.87	
Balance to revenue	116.13	
	$1,300.00	$1,300.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$600.00
Cash	$312.pp	
Fuel	14.00	
Total expenditures	326.00	
Transfer to Police	50.00	
Transfer to Public Grounds	50.00	
Transfer to Snow Removal	50.00	
Balance to Revenue	124.00	
	$600.00	$600.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$6.000.00
Transfer from Vocational Education		200.00
Transfer from Elections	150.00	
Cash	$6,164.55	
Medical	48.00	
Nursing Home	37.45	
Burial	100.00	
Total expenditures	$1,350.00	$6,350.00

Old Age Assistance—Assistance—U. S. Grant

Balance from 1946		$1,223.87
Federal Grants		4,294.09
Audit Adjustment		276.09
Cash	$3,123.69	
Balance to 1948	2,670.36	
	$5,794.05	$5,794.05

Old Age Assistance—Administration—U. S. Grant

Balance from 1946		$ 46.97
Federal Grants		152.32
Clerical	$102.50	
Balance to 1948	96.79	
	$199.29	$199.29

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$1,200.00
Cash	$1,125.55	
Transfer to Snow Removal	50.00	
Balance to revenue	24.45	
	$1,200.00	$1,200.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN—U. S. GRANT

Balance from 1946		$148.20
Federal Grants		270.00
Cash	$156.45	
Balance to 1948	261.75	
	$418.20	$418.20

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, ADMIN., U. S. GRANT

Balance from 1946		$ 7.57
General Grants		24.62
Clerical	$25.00	
Balance to 1948	7.19	
	$32.19	$32.19

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		$800.00
Transfer from W. P. A. Work		500.00
Cash	$660.00	
Transfer to Forest Warden	300.00	
Balance to revenue	340.00	
	$1,300.00	$1,330.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Labor	$498.83	
Trucks	496.09	
Use of town tools	9.60	
Shovel	60.00	
Loader	90.00	
Sand & Gravel	88.31	
Lumber	184.02	
Signs	12.00	
Creosote	10.00	
Spikes and bolts	51.15	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

LAKE SHORE ROAD

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$343.12	
Trucks	259.24	
Shovel	165.00	
Grader	109.38	
Sand & gravel	91.96	
Oil	23.20	
All other	8.10	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,750.00
State Allotment		12,375.00
Refund		19.20
Labor	$6,343.38	
Trucks	1,819.00	
Use of town tools	440.35	
Oil	4,322.79	
Sand, gravel & stone	1,186.30	
Pipe	150.16	
Blasting	26.25	
Tools	43.68	
Signs	89.16	
Guard rail	360.63	
Shovel, grader & roller	362.50	
	$15,144.20	$15,144.20

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation		$1,000.00
State allotment		500.00
Labor	$336.75	
Trucks	143.75	
Use of town tools	9.25	
Oil	832.46	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Chapter 90—Construction

Appropriation		$1,500.00
State allotment		3,000.00
County allotment		1,500.00
Labor	$2,186.15	
Trucks	1,056.13	
Shovel	702.50	
Roller	175.00	
Grader	227.50	
Power saw	35.75	
Blasting	36.60	
Oil	155.21	
Pipe	123.75	
Sand & Gravel	850.61	
Cement	22.20	
Guard rail	186.48	
Use of town tools	99.80	
All other	2.40	
Total expenditures	$5,860.08	
Balance to 1948	139.92	
	$6,000.00	$6,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$3,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		324.34
Transfer from Inspection		50.00
Transfer from Welfare		50.00
Transfer from Aid to Dependent Children		50.00
Transfer from Town Forest		150.00
Labor	$1,497.38	
Trucks	353.25	
Trucks and plows	1,351.41	
Use of town tools	153.30	
Repairs	104.77	
Sand	286.36	
Salt	132.00	
Fuel	20.00	
Gas and oil	11.93	
All other	1.94	
	$4,124.34	$4,124.34

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriated from Road Machinery Fund		$1,000.00
Labor	$306.00	
Trucks	13.75	
Gasoline and oil	248.98	
Repairs	227.89	
Fuel and light	32.84	
Tools	98.80	
Storage and rent	65.00	
All other	2.61	
Total expenditures	$995.87	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	4.13	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation	$600.00	
Street Lights	$554.91	
Transfer to Assessors	45.00	
Balance to revenue	.09	
	$600.00	$600.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$25,490.00
Refund		24.80
Transfer from Reserve		5.49
Tacer' Saaies:		
Morse School	$3,846.64	
Aaron Wood School	5,632.03	
Special teachers	1,121.64	
Substitutes	20.00	
Superintendence:		
Salary	630.00	
Clerk	33.80	
Expense	117.00	
Health:		
Nurse	300.00	
Physician	100.00	
Supplies	52.53	
Tuition	4,083.03	
Transportation	4,471.67	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	968.67	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Books	231.69	
Supplies	1,028.74	
Fuel	848.17	
Light	220.38	
Telephones	98.30	
Repairs	1,122.27	
Grounds	57.50	
	$25,520.29	$25,520.29

J. T. Bunker Fund

Interest received from Trustees		$750.00
Tuition, North Andover	$750.00	
	$750.00	$750.00

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
½ Dog license refund from County		111.50
Interest from Library Funds		77.93
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	$389.43	
	$389.43	$389.43

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
½ Dog license refund from County		111.50
Inerest from Library Funds		67.88
Books	$114.58	
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	264.80	
	$379.38	$379.38

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$1,300.00
Janitors	$226.00	
Fuel and light	453.41	
Telephone	44.00	
Repairs	331.99	
Supples	30.22	
Removal of ashes, etc.	7.88	
Total expenditures	$1,133.50	
Balance to revenue	166.50	
	$1,300.00	$1,300.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$100.00
Transfer from Welfare		50.00
Labor	$150.00	
	$150.00	$150.00

Community House

Appropriation		$50.00
Light	$11.25	
Balance to revenue	38.75	
	$50.00	$50.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$200.00
Labor and materials	$200.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$121.75	
West Parish Cemeteries	100..00	
Total expenditures	$221.75	
Balance to revenue	3.25	
	$225.00	$225.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$250.00
Flags	$20.29	
Flowers	17.75	
Refreshments	18.75	
Music	170.00	
Total expenditures	$226.79	
Transfer to Assessors	23.21	
	$250.00	$250.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Transfer from W. P. A. Work		300.00
Insurance Policies:		
Fire	$307.52	
Compensation	651.25	
Liability	382.84	
Volunteer Firemen	112.50	
Fire & Theft, motor vehicles	91.64	
Boiler	112.00	
Total expenditures	$1,657.75	
Balance to revenue	142.25	
	1,800.00	$1,800.00

Paradis Shop—Purchase and Repair

Appripriation		$1,p000.00
Transfer from Retirement System		500.00
Transfer from W. P. A. Work		180.76
Purchase	$600.00	
Materials for repairs	616.95	
Total expenditures	$1,216.95	
Balance to 1948	463.81	
	$1,680.76	$1,680.76

Interest on Loans

Appropriation		$100.00
Interest on Schoolhouse loan	$70.00	
Transfer to Assessors	30.00	
	$100.00	$100.00

Clerical Account

Appropriation		$125.00
Clerical (all depts.)	$125.00	
	$125.00	$125.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$250.00
Labor	$166.42	
Use of town tools	57.75	
Sand	25.57	
Total expenditures	$249.74	
Balance to revenue	.26	
	$250.00	$250.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriations		$900.00
Transfer to Forest Warden	$450.00	
Transfer to Tax Collector	120.17	
Transfer to School	5.49	
Transfer to Snow Removal	324.34	
	$900.00	$900.00

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA C. PERLEY
Town Accountant

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report of the Boxford Police Department for the year 1947.

Classification	*No. of Cases*
Summonses served	8
Complaints, various	6
Registry request	5
Theft	1
Auto accident	7
Store break	1
Incendiary fire	1
Gravel Pit break	1
Camp breaks	6
Arrests	4
Court appearances	4

Throughout the summer, highway patrol and traffic detail were carried on. In general, it has been a quiet year for the Police Department

Respectfully submitted,
CLAYTON A. NELSON
Chief of Police

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED		
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Swine	Cattle	Calves
Jan.	82	110	3	0	0	4
Feb.	56	112	0	0	1 head	2
Mar.	53	210	0	0	2	9
Apr.	56	169	17	0	0	5
May	44	122	5	0	1 head	5
June	58	194	17	0	1 head	2
July	45	216	14	0	0	2
Aug.	51	185	2	0	0	0
Sept.	64	207	12	0	0	3
Oct.	75	205	15	0	0	5
Nov.	55	207	13	0	0	3
Dec.	57	157	14	0	0	2
Total	696	2,094	112	0	2 & 3 heads	42

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. FOSTER
ALBERT R. FROST
Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

A lot has been accomplished this year in the removal of large dead limbs that were hanging over the highway and the taking down of several large trees that were in a dangerous condition. There is a large elm at the Historical House and one in the West Parish that should be taken down in the near future.

Considerable trimming was done in connection with the moving of the old library building which was done at the expense of the mover.

Labor	$275.25
Services of Tree Experts	181.00
Truck	61.00
Supplies	24.42
Total expenditures	$541.67

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON E. NOYES
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

For the first time in several years the trees along the highways were sprayed with arsenic of lead. Special D.D.T. spraying was done in sections of the town where there are elm trees. This was applied with a blower and should help to control the Dutch Elm disease which is spread by the Elm bark beetle.

Labor	$423.76
Trucks	132.75
Spraying	150.00
Equipment	399.00
Supplies	38.31
Repairs	33.05
Miscellaneous	7.00
Total expenditures	$1,183.87

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON E. NOYES
Moth Superintendent

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1947

Assets

Cash		$33,011.69
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1945:		
Real Estate	$12.30	
Personal Property	16.65	28.95
Taxes: Levy of 1946:		
Real Estate	$3,074.71	
Personal Property	135.52	3,210.23
Taxes: Levy of 1947:		
Poll	$14.00	
Real Estate	6,646.26	
Personal Property	859.75	7,520.01
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1947		853.46
Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1946	$20.80	
Levy of 1947	35.70	56.50
Moth:		
Levy of 1947		6.00
Departmental:		
Town Halls	$48.00	
Veterans' Benefits—Mass.	60.00	
Aid to Dep. Children—Mass.	144.14	252.14
Tax Titles		36.69
State Aid to Highways:		
Chap. 81—Maintenance	$6,172.97	
Chap. 90—Maintenance	500.00	
Chap. 90—Construction	3,000.00	9,672.97
County Aid to Highways:		
Chap. 90—Construction		1,500.00
		$56,148.64

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$5,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Fund Cash & Securities	$47,342.74

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1947

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Title	$36.69	
Motor Vehicle Excise	853.46	
Departmental Revenue	252.14	
Special Assessment Revenue	62.50	
State Aid to Highway Revenue	9,672.97	
County Aid to Highway Revenue	1,500.00	$12,377.76
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1945	$28.95	
Levy of 1946	1,008.14	
Levy of 1947	1,454.99	2,492.08
Overlay Surplus—Reserve		3,903.03
Excess and Deficiency		28,866.48
Sale of Lands of Low Value		33.81
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	$2,670.36	
Old Age Assist., Admin.	96.79	
Aid to Dependent Children	261.75	
Aid to Dep. Child., Admin.	7.19	3,036.09
Appropriation Accounts:		
Accountant	$15.21	
Building Inspector	72.55	
Lighting System—Aaron Wood School	850.00	
Heating System—Aaron Wood School	1,750.00	
Chap. 90—Construction	139.92	
Paradis Shop Repairs	463.81	3,291.49
Road Machinery Fund		1,643.07
Overestimates:		
State Parks & Reservations	15.89	
County Tax	488.94	504.83
		$56,148.64

DEBT ACCOUNT

Schoolhouse Loan	$5,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$26,930.24	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	259.83	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	21,66.31	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	7,496.36	
		$47,342.74

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Pres.: Dr. Winthrop P. Hayes — *Treas.:* Mary A. Herrick
Vice-Pres.: Milton E. Lord — *Sec.:* Esther K. Perley
Seth L. Kelsey — Robert B. Parkhurst
Miss Margaret Lane — Professor Franklin C. Roberts
Reverend Rayjond G. Putnam

STANDING COMMITTEES 1947–1948

Book Committee: Miss Herrick, Miss Lane, Mr. Lord
House and Grounds: Mr. Kelsey
Finance Committee: Dr. Haynes, Mr. Lord, Miss Herrick
Executive Committee: Dr. Haynes, Mr. Lord, Miss Herrick, Miss Perley

LIBRARIANS

Bertha Perley — Lucy K. Parkhurst

BOOKS ADDED 1947

286 by purchase
22 by gifts
9,192 total (volumes)

EXPENDITURES

Adult		Juvenile
41%	Fiction	16%
38%	Nonfiction	5%

CIRCULATION

Adult		Juvenile
1,806	Fiction	1,194
710	Nonfiction	299

Total—4,009

Average Circulation
40 per day

At the annual meeting of the Trustees, two new members, Mr. Seth L. Kelsey and Reverend Raymond G. Putnam, were welcomed. Mr. Kelsey was elected to repreesnt the interests of the town at the annual Town Meeting, March 3, 1947. Reverend Putnam became a trustee, according to the byl aw of the Library Association, when he became a resident-minister of the First Parish Church, November 15, 1946.

To stimulate reading and interest in our Library among the young children, there have been some exhibits representing the life of the Indians of the Mid-West, of Japan, of Italy, of Russia and of the Philippines. These exhibits were lent from the Children's Museum, Jamaica Plain. It is through the efforts of Miss Herrick that these exhibits have been made possible. The cabinet in which these exhibits are put was given by Miss Herrick. Mr. Knowles remodelled it so that it could be used for this purpose.

The usual interest in the State Reading Program has been shown. Twenty-three Certificates and four Honor Certificates were awarded.

During the year several book deposits have been made to the Aaron Wood school.

The book displayer, given us by the Massachusetts Library Aid Association, has been very helpful in acquainting the people with the latest books in the Library.

This year we were the recipient of two memorial volumes "Midwest at Noon" and "Lost Worlds," given in memory of Lewis Rogerson Haynes, Corporal, U. S. Army. This is a splendid way to perpetuate the memory of a friend and we especially welcome such gifts.

We wish to thank everyone, Mrs. Lane, Mr. Knowles, Mrs. Rolfe, Miss Ruth Parkhurst and Mrs. Dow, for books, magazines and pamphlets which they have given us.

We appreciate the interest of the town's people in all our Library activities.

Respectfully submitted,
BERTHA PERLEY
Librarian

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

WEST BOXFORD

OFFICERS

President, Dr. Walter R. Ingalls
Vice-President, Mrs. Alexander Price
Secretary, Miss Ruby Nason
Treasurer, Mr. E. Laurence Colby

TRUSTEES

Dr. Walter R. Ingalls, *Chairman*
Mr. John T. Chadwick Mr. F. Willard Pearl

During the year 1947 books added to the library totaled 400; of these 208 were purchased. The number of books now on the library shelves is 7,100.

Circulation of books during the year amounted to 2,904.

Current magazines are in great demand by our reading public. 14 of these periodicals were received and circulated.

The State Certificate reading program continues to interest the children and many more juvenile books were circulated this year.

The Library Association wishes to express its appreciation to all those who in any way contributed to the library during 1947. Those deserving especial mention are The Friends of the Library, The Book Purchasing Committee, The Fund Raising Committee, members of the community who gave large numbers of books and magazines, other members who supplied wood for heating the building and, most important of all, those who gave their dollars for maintenance and purchase of books.

Respectfully submitted,
ISABEL ROUNDS
Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947

Broadway Print Shop Inc., Beverly, Mass.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

School Committee

Helen E. Chadwick, *Chairman*	Term expires 1948
Dr. Stephen Maddock, *Secretary*	Term expires 1949
William J. Greenler, Jr.	Term expires 1950

Superintendent of Schools

William D. Johnson, Ed.M.
Jackson Way, Georgetown
Telephone Georgetown 3091

School Physician

Lois Rogers
Topsfield

School Nurse

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield

Supervisors of Attendance

Archie Peabody
Boxford

Clayton A. Nelson
West Boxford

Teachers

Name	*School*	*Grades or Subjects*
Dorothy Eade Carver	Morse	1–4
George Flagg	Morse	5–8
Gladys E. MacPherson	Aaron-Wood	7–8
Lelia Millay	Community House	1–3
Natalie Parsons	Aaron-Wood	4–6
Doris Currier		Music Supervisor
Esther Osman		Art Supervisor
Susan Jordan		Sewing

SCHOOL REPORT

Boxford, Massachusetts, 1947

Our schools have a total enrollment this year of 110, sixty-six pupils at the Aaron Wood School and forty-four pupils at the Gardner Morse School. There are also thirty-one Boxford pupils in attendance at various neighboring High Schools as approved by your committee and the State Board of Education. It will be seen from this census that our school population has increased materially during the last year.

There were no changes in personnel during the year 1947. However, the School Committee accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Natalie Parsons at the close of the year.

During the summer and early fall the Community House was remodeled for the purpose of use as a temporary school. Adequate plumbing was installed and the pupils of the first three grades began using this building immediately following the Thanksgiving vacation. There was some difficulty about heating the building at first, but that situation has been fairly well straightened out. With the opening of the Community House it has been possible to place the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in one room, and the seventh and eighth in the other; thus materially lightening the burden of the teachers and aiding the students in the increased amount of tiem and attention which each receives.

At a special town meeting held in November, 1947 an appropriation was made for the heating and lighting of the Aaron Wood School. During the Christams vacation fluorescent lights were installed. The heating committee consists of Mrs. Warren Chadwick, Mr. Burton Shaw, Mr. Harry Trask and Mr. Paul Knowles. Arrangements were made for the purchase and installation of an oil burner at the Gardner Morse School. The burner was put into operation at the Chrismas recess.

During the year Mrs. Teresa Plummer who had long and faithfully discharged her duties as school nurse retired.

In submitting the budget for the coming year therb has been an appreciable increase over the last year's figure. This is caused by increases in salaries for our teachers, additional janitorial services and additional cost of transportation. The total expenses of our schools during the past year were $26,-245.49 of which $7,406.38 was reimbursed by the State.

At the request of the group of interested parents, Dr. John J. Desmond, Jr., Commissioner of State Education, has been asked to make a survey of the Boxford Schools, and to inform the Committee of any suggestions which might improve the caliber of our teaching.

Attention is called to the reports of the Superintendent of Schools, Supervisor of Art, Supervisor of Music, School Physician and School Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN E. CHADWICK, *Chairman*
WILLIAM J. GREENLER
STEPHEN MADDOCK, M.D.
School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1947.

Each of the past few years I have called your attention to the acute teacher shortage and the necessity of increasing salaries in order to retain competent teachers and procure equally competent replacements. While we were fortunate in having but one teaching vacancy during the past year even the loss of one teacher is a serious matter. The lack of transportation facilities together with the fact that there are no known homes in which a teacher can be placed whowo uld be required to remain in town during the week, adds to the difficulties involved in securing teachers under present conditions. Your superintendent would be pleased to learn of some home where a teacher might procure board and room.

The enrolment in our schools has increased as anticipated. We may expect that the entering classes during the next few years will continue to be larger than heretofore. To meet this increased enrolment the use of the Community House as a lower grade classroom has made it possible to have a maximum of three grades per room in the section of the town with the greater enrolment. While certain improvements have been made in the Community House to meet needs for classroom use, the use of this building should be considered as a temporary means of solving our schoolhouse problem.

The condition of textbooks in our schools is reasonably good, several new sets of books having been provided during the year. Delays in delivery of supplies and fill-in books are not as frequent as during the war years. With our increasing enrolment and the resulting increased need for fill-in books it is gratifying to observe this improvement in delivery conditions.

The progress of the pupils in our schools continue on a high level. The record of Boxford pupils attending High School compares favorably with the record of other pupils attending those same schools. While the quality of work done by individuals varies it must be remembered that aptitudes and capacities of individuals also very and that all pupils cannot attain an honor grade. Lists of high randing pupils attending adjoining High Schools attest to the large percentage of Boxford pupils who are doing work considerally better than average.

Several improvements were made in our buildings during the past year. The instalation of new lights at the Aaron-Wood School together with the refinishing of the ceilings and upper walls in the classrooms has done much to eliminate eye strain. Other improvements made during the year include instalation of an oil burner at the Morse School and resurfacing of desks in the upper-grade room at the Wood School.

With the assistance of several interested parents playground facilities at the Aaron-Wood School have been considerably expanded. Additional athletic supplies have been

provided to insure use of these added facilities.

Since the progress of our boys and girls can be best promoted through the cooperative efforts of the parent, teacher, committee members and superintendent, I wish to express my appreciation to all who have cooperated during the past year in furthering educational opportunities in Boxford.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM D. JOHNSON
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I herewith submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending December 31, 1947.

The regular work in music has proceeded as usual, we continue to divide the lower grade room of each building into two and three groups for closer individual attention. A course of study is followed for each grade as closely as possible where more than one grade is working together, always working toward the ultimate end that each child may read and carry his or her own part without help. A greater understanding of music leads to a greater appreciation of it, thereby enriching the every day lives of the pupils.

In June both rooms of the Aaron Wood School presented operettas at the Town Hall. The first four grades assisted by grades five and six presented "Rumpelstiltskin." This operetta is based on the fairy tale and the words are set to folk tunes of many different countries with some of the instrumental music by Wagner. The upper grades presented the well known Gilbert and Sullivan operetta H. M. S. Pinafore. Both performances were given before appreciative audiences. The scenery for these operettas was made by the pupils under the direction of Msr. Osman.

At Christmas time the pupils of the Morse School presented their annual program, a Christmas Pageant, with recitations and carols.

In closing may I say that it means a great deal to the supervisor to have the co-operation of the room teacher. It is through their constant daily drill that our aims are attained.

Respectfully submitted,
DORIS CURRIER
Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ART

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Art for the year ending December 1947.

In March pupils of the Morse and Wood Schools entered posters in the Annual Foster Contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The usual number of prizes were awarded to both schools. Poster work was continued throughout the year correlated with studies and seasons.

During the entire school year art work was exhibited in the school rooms as borders or room decorations. At P.T.A. meetings parents were able to observe the work.

One of the most out-standing projects for the year was the scenery for the operetta, which was made by the upper grade pupils in the Wood School.

The Morse School held an exhibition of school work in the spring which included samples of all the art work done during the school year. Parents were invited.

Respectfully submitted,
ESTHER L. OSMAN
Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

The physical condition of the Boxford school children is in general very good. There is one suggestion to make. The organization of an adequate dental program is needed in the Boxford schools and it is desirable that this be introduced during 1948. This program could be similar to that now in operation in Topsfield. There the children are transported in groups to the office of the designated school dentist and thus receive the advantages of the best of equipment without the town's making any investment in dental equipment. Children already under care by their family dentist continue under this program to go to their own dentist.

Respectfully submitted,
LOIS KNIGHT ROGERS, M.D.
School Physician

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools:
Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse in the Boxford schools from September to December 1947, supplementing previous reports the first six months of Mrs. Plummer's work as school nurse.

At the start of the school term all children were given thorough physical examinations by Dr. Lois Rogers. The yearly routine examinations revealed the following:

Enlarged tonsils & adenoids	5
Enlarged glands	6
Feet	7
Number with defective vision	3
Number of defective eyes corrected	3

No diphtheria work has been done this year. Immunizations were started in November 1946 and the last inoculation administered in January 1947.

The new schedule in diphtheria inoculations is to omit the Schick testing and give every pupil in the school system who has never had serum, three inoculations. All who have been inoculated will receive a booster shot every second year.

TETANUS

During the month of June, tetanus anti-toxin was given to pupils for protection from cuts or puncture wounds.

Danger of tetanus infection cannot be minimized.

TUBERCULOSIS

The patch test for tuberculosis was conducted in December with nearly 100% participation from the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. A total of 20 tests were given with 5 positive and 15 negative reactions. The positive cases will be X-rayed without cost by the Essex Co. Health Association.

I wish to thank the teachers, pupils, parents, and school physician, for their interest and cooperation play a large part in maintaining a high standard of school health.

Respectfully subjitted,
RUTH BARNARD, R.N.
School Nurse

BOXFORD PUPILS AT TOFSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SENIORS

Dorothy Adams
Janet Millen
Elizabeth Scribner

JUNIORS

Richard Brisbois
Elizabeth Cotton
Peggy Powers

SOPHOMORES

Nancy Hilyard
Marjorie Walsh
Marie Vincent

FRESHMEN

Marshall Brisbois
Peter Kelsey
Jane Gamble
Paul Killam

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

POST GRADUATE

John Perley

SENIORS

George Clasby
Philip Greenler

JUNIORS

Constance Chadwick
David Kelley
Judith Chadwick
Jane Leighton
Joan Leighton

SOPHOMORE

John Hazen

FRESHMEN

Virginia Leeman
Jack Pearl
Elaine Perley

PUPILS IN OTHER SCHOOLS

Name	*Junior*	*School*
Joan Chadwick	Junior	Perley High School
James Troop	Freshman	Perley High School
George Gamble	Junior	Beverly High School
Donald Hilyard	Junior	Beverly High School
Harlan Kelsey, Jr.	Senior	Danvers High School
Joan Lord	Sophomore	Punchard High School

1947 GRADUATES

AARON-WOOD SCHOOL

Marshall Brisbois
Peter Kelsey
Bradford Canterbury
Paul Killam
Lawrence Case
Norman Merrow
Jane Gamble
Thomas Tagg
Jane Troop

GARDNER MORSE SCHOOL

Virginia Leman
Jack Pearl
Marcelle Morissette
Elaine Perley

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1947

Morse School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	*Totals*
Boys...	5	5	1	2	1	2	33		22
Girls...	3	2	2	0	3	4	3	5	22
Totals	8	7	3	2	4	6	6	8	44

Aaron-Wood School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	*Totals*
Boys...	5	2	3	2	4	3	7	5	31
Girls...	6	3	3	4	6	3	7	3	35
Totals	11	5	6	6	10	6	14	8	66

SCHOOL CENSUS

	Boys	*Girls*	*Total*
5 years or over and under 7.....	13	12	25
7 years or over and under 14....	37	45	82
14 years or over and under 16....	3	0	3
Totals	53	57	110

REIMBURSEMENTS ON 1947 ACCOUNT

Mass. School Fund (Part I)	$1,012.00
Chapter 71 Section 7 A	3,303.11
High School Tuition	2,314.96
Mass. School Fund (Part II)	486.83
Superintendent of Schools	289.48
	$7,406.38

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET—1948

Admnistration		
Superintendent's Salary	$700.00	
Transportation	90.00	
Clerk & Office Expense	200.00	$ 990.00
Teacers' Salaries		
Regular	$11,550.00	
Special	1,175.00	
Substitutes	265.00	12,940.00
Health		
Physician	$150.00	
Nursing Service	350.00	
Supplies	50.00	550.00
Tuition		6,000.00
Transportation		4,600.00
Janitors		1,500.00
Attendance Supervisors		20.00
Books & Supplies		550.00
Fuel & Electricity		1,250.00
Telephones		80.00
Maintenance		1,000.00
Lighting Improvements & Insulation at Morse School		650.00
Insurance		400.00
Total for Schools		$30.530.00
Vocational		200.00
Total for Vocational & Schools		$30,730.00

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, Boxford, on Monday, the first day of March next, at 5:45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose the following officers, viz:

Moderator for one year.
Selectman for three years.
Assessor of Taxes for three years.
Assessor of Taxes for two years to fill vacancy.
Collector of Taxes for one year.
Constable, East Parish, for one year.
Constable, West Parish, for one year.
Highway Surveyor, East Parish, for one year.
Highway Surveyor, West Parish, for one year.
One member of the School Committee for three years.
One member of the Board of Health for three years.
Tree Warden for one year.
One member of the Planning Board for five years.

The above named officers will be voted upon one ballot.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 5:45 o'clock A.M., and MAY CLOSE AT 12:30 o'clock P.M.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers and Committees.

Article 3. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 4. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,750.00 for the improvement of Washington Street; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the purpose of improving the ancient graves in Harmony Cemetery.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $500.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 9. To see what compensation the Town will vote to pay for labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To appropriate $337.97 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed $10,000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1948 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 13. To take such action as may be deemed best in regard to making roads passable when encumbered with snow.

Article 14. To determine when the taxes shall be committed to the Collector, also the manner of collecting same.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 16. Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the year one thousand nine hundred forty-five entitled "An Act relative to equal pay for men and women teachers," be enforced in this town?

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a building code or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use toward the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to provide the sum of $30,000.00 to build a suitable addition to the Aaron Wood School, said sum to be raised by a bond issue, maturing at the rate of 1/20 of the principal amount each year.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to comply with Section 16, Chapter 39, General Laws of the State of Massachusetts, which requires the appointment of an advisory or finance committee in every town whose valuation for the apportioning the state tax exceeds one million dollars.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law, as provided for in Chapter 39, Section 16, General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:— "The Selectmen shall, within 30 days after the adoption of this by-law, appoint a finance committee of three persons, citizens of the town. The members of this committee shall hold office for three years, except that when the committee is first established hereunder one member shall be appointed for a term of one year; one shall be appointed for a term of two years and one shall be appointed for a term of three years.

All articles that involve the appropriation of money shall be submitted to the finance committee for study before insertion in the warrants for any annual or special town meeting; and the committee shall submit their recommendation thereon to the town."

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue a sum of money sufficient to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February in the year nineteen hundred forty-eight.

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

SUGGESTED BUDGET

Selectmen	$850.00
Board of Public Wefare	550.00
Assessors	900.00
Treasurer	250.00
Town Clerk	300.00
Collector of Taxes	2,000.00
Accountant	1,200.00
Registrars	175.00
Elections	300.00
Board of Health	300.00
Inspectors of Slauhtering	700.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Essex Sanatorium	637.29
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	35.00
Police	400.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Tree Warden	300.00
Fire Warden	750.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Moth Department	$1,300.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Public Welfare	500.00
Old Age Assistance	7,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,250.00
Veterans' Aid	800.00
Schools	30,530.00
Vocational Education	200.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	2,000.00
Chapter 81, Maintenance	2,750.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	2,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	10,000.00
Street Lighting	600.00
Town Halls	1,200.00
Public Grounds	150.00
Insurance	1,700.00
Town Forest	150.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Clerical	175.00
Morse House	100.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	400.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Planning Board	200.00
Building Inspector	100.00
Schoolhouse Loan	2,000.00
Interest on Loans	125.00
Town Reports	500.00

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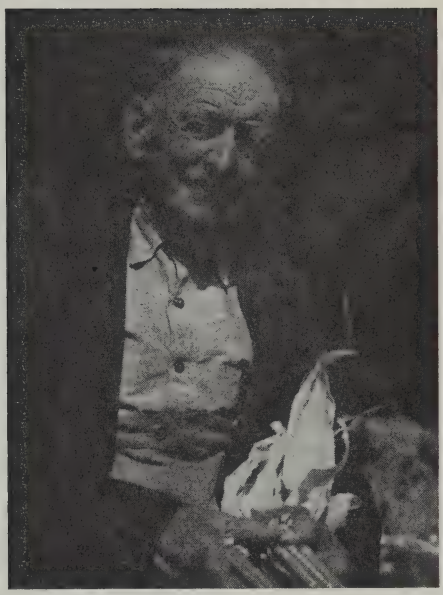
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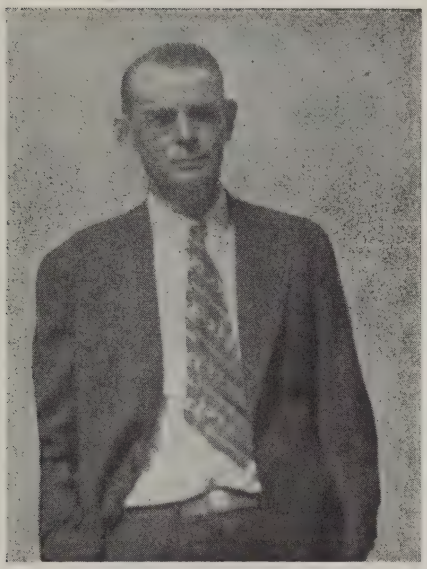
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CHESTER KILLAM

1862 — 1948

Highway Surveyor—1884-85, 1899 to 1916
Surveyor of Lumber—1889, 1897, 1903, 1906, 1907, 1916 to 1921
Measurer of Wood and Bark—1892, 1897, 1900 to 1902, 1905, 1907, 1911, 1913, 1919 to 1923
School Committee Member—1892 to 1895, 1915 to 1924
Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor—1899
Auditor—1890, 1891
Field Driver—1894, 1898
Election Officer—1894, 1895, 1898 to 1900
Forest Fire Ward—1896, 1898, 1902, 1904, 1906
Deputy Forest Warden—1919, 1922
Moderator—1925 to 1935
Trustee, School Funds—1931 to 1948



STANLEY B. HILLS

1892 — 1948

Deputy Tree Warden—1936
Committee Member to Create Planning Board—1936
Member Rationing Board—1942 to 1945
Assessor—1932 to 1948

TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1948

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Raymond Perley	Term expires 1949
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1950
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1951

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1949
Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1950
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1951

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1949

TOWN CLERK

Donald E. Anderson	Term expires 1950
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1950

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Stephen J. Maddock	Term expires 1949
William J. Greenler, Jr.	Term expires 1950
Helen E. Chadwick	Term expires 1951

BOARD OF HEALTH

Raymond Perley	Term expires 1949
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1950
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1951

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French — B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Vernon A. Childs (Resigned) — Clayton A. Nelson
Nathaniel N. Love Jr. (Appointed October 29, 1948)

CHIEF OF POLICE

Clayton A. Nelson

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

William R. Walsh

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

Chester Killam — John W. Parkhurst
John T. Chadwick

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley — Term expires 1950

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster — Albert Frost

TRUANT AND ATTENDANT OFFICERS

Archibald Peabody — Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

Albert Frost

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1949
Clarence E. Brown	Term expires 1950
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1951

SWORN WEIGHERS

William Terravechia — John Martino

Salvatore Terravechia

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

William R. Walsh	Term expires 1949
Albert R. Gale	Term expires 1950
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1950
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1951
Seth L. Kelsey	Term expires 1951
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1952
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1953

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Norman M. Marshall

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dimon Lockwood	Term expires 1949
Clarence E. Brown	Term expires 1950
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1951

APPEAL BOARD

Alfred K. Nason	Term expires 1949
Richard Spofford	Term expires 1950
Arthur P. Phillips	Term expires 1951

ALTERNATES

Burton Shaw	Term expires 1949
Raymond Pearl	Term expires 1950
Paul Killam	Term expires 1951

SPECIAL POLICE

Walter H. Gamans, Jr. Clinton E. French

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

LIST OF JURORS 1948—1949

Benson, John R., electrician, Washington Street, West Boxford

Cargill, William R., broker, Main Street, Boxford

Frost, Albert R., farmer, Mt. Vernon Road, West Boxford

Gillis, Allen, laborer, Elm Street, Boxford

Gray, James P., laborer, Ipswich Road, Boxford

Greenler, William J., veterinarian, Highland Road, West Boxford

Killam, Dana F., farmer, Endicott Road, Boxford

Lyon, Avard P., carpenter, Ipswich Road, West Boxford

Morss, Stanwood R., fruit specialist, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford

Parkhurst, Robert B., electrical worker, Ipswich Road, Boxford

Roberts, Franklin C., Jr., carpenter, Depot Road, Boxford

Whittier, Arthur D., laborer, Glendale Road, West Boxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

At the Annual Town Meeting held in Town Hall, Boxford, on Monday, March 1, 1948, the following business was transacted, viz:—

The polls were opened at 5:45 o'clock A.M. and closed at 12:30 P.M.

The number of votes cast was 293.

And the following persons were declared elected:

William J. Greenler, Jr., Moderator for one year.
Franklin C. Roberts, Selectman for three years.
J. Warren Chadwick, Assessor of Taxes for three years.
Harry E. Trask, Assessor of Taxes for two years.
Simeon S. Pearl, Collector of Taxes for one year.
Vernon A. Childs, Constable, East Parish for one year.
Clayton A. Nelson, Constable, West Parish for one year.
Clinton E. French, Surveyor of Highway, East Parish for one year.
B. Robert Cunningham, Surveyor of Highway, West Parish for one year.
Helen E. Chadwick, School Committee for three years.
Franklin C. Roberts, Board of Health for three years.
Alerson E. Noyes, Tree Warden for one year.
Rosamond Price, Planning Board for five years.

Article 2. Voted to pass over this article without action.

Article 3. Voted to accept the report of the Planning Board and the School Committee as printed.

Article 4. Voted to adopt the budget as amended—$200.00 to Tree Warden, $500.00 to Fire Warden, and $5,000.-00 to Snow Removal (see additional increase under article 23.)

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of $2000.00 for the Maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3750.00 for the improvement of Washington Street; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be alloted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the purpose of improving the ancient graves in Harmony Cemetery.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate $500.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 9. Voted that the rate of all Town labor in all departments will be $1.00 per hour for the ensuing year.

Article 10. Voted that the $337.97 refunded from the County on account of Dog Licenses be divided equally between the two libraries.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed $10,000 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1948 Tax Levy subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

Article 12. Voted to allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for same, namely:

Village Improvement—C. M. Moulton	1945	$16.65
Village Improvement—C. M. Moulton	1946	14.25
Snow Plow—R. C. Hazelton & Co.		625.00
Total		$655.90

Article 13. Voted that the matter of making roads passable when encumbered with snow be left in the hands of the Highway Surveyors.

Article 14. Voted that the matter of committing the Taxes to the Collector and the manner of collecting the same be left with the assessors.

Article 15. Voted that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money

from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefore, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 16. An act relative to equal pay for men and women teachers be enforced in this town was rejected.

Article 17. Voted to adopt the Building Code as presented. Yes 84 No 38.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of same.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to provide the sum of $23,000.00 to build a suitable addition to the Aaron Wood School, said sum to be raised by bond issue, maturing at the rate of 1/20 of the principal amount each year Yes 48 No 52.

Voted that the sum of $500.00 be appropriated for the purpose of obtaining plans and estimates from architects for additions and improvements to Schools, and that a committee be appointed, consisting of seven members as follows: The School Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the seventh member to be appointed by the Moderator, be a parent of small children, for the purpose of investigating the cost and feasibility of two alternate propositions, viz: an annex to the present school in the east village and the other a new Central School for all grades combined. Said committee to report their findings at a Special Town Meeting to be held in the evening of some future date not later than June 1, 1948.

Article 20. Voted to pass over this article without action.

Article 21. Voted to adopt the following by-law (Finance Committee) as provided in Chapter 39, Section 16, General Law as follow: "The Selectmen shall, within 30 days after adoption of this by-law, appoint a Finance Committee

of three persons, citizens of the town. The members of this committee shall hold office for three years, except that when the committee is first established hereunder one member shall be appointed for a term of one year; one shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years.

All articles that involve the appropriations of money shall be submitted to the finance committee for study before insertion in the warrants for any annual or special town meeting; and the committee shall submit their recommendations thereon to the town. Yes 64 No none.

Article 22. Voted to appropriate a sum of $14,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to surplus revenue.

Article 23. Voted to reconsider Article 4—the Budget.

Voted to add the following amounts due to increase in hourly rate: Selectmen $300; Board of Public Welfare $200; Assessors $450; Treasurer $100; Town Clerk $125; Accountant $300; Registrars $60; Elections $125; Board of Health $125; Inspector of Slaughtering $200.

A signed petition was presented to the meeting in appreciation of the fine work done by the Highway Surveyors Clinton French and B. Robert Cunningham for their tireless efforts in keeping the roads open during this most trying winter.

Voted thanks to the Ladies of East Parish for their most delightful dinner.

Voted to dissolve at 4:50 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At a special meeting held in Town Hall, Boxford on Tuesday, October 5, 1948, at 8:00 P.M. the following record was made:

Meeting called to order by Moderator William J. Greenler, Jr. Due to the absence of a clergyman, he asked all to join in silent prayer.

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from the Surplus Revenue the sum of $11,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments under Chapter 90 Construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 2. Voted to transfer $50.00 from the Town Report account to the Appeal Board.

Article 3. Voted to transfer to Public Grounds from the following accounts: Memorial Day $4.61 Accountant 1947 $5.21.

Article 4. Voted to transfer $75.00 from Interest on Loans to the Insurance Account.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the amount of $900.00 for Aid to Dependent Children.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue for the use of the Building Inspector the amount of $800.00.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate $150.00 from Surplus Revenue for Elections.

Article 8. Voted to install a street light at the East Boxford Post Office.

Article 9. Resolved to send the 7th and 8th grades to Andover Junior High beginning next year. 60 yes 10 no

A letter received from the Selectmen from the Regional High School Committee of Topsfield concerning a Regional High School was read.

Mr. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools was given unanimous consent to speak to the meeting and express his views and ideas on the report that had previously been presented. A copy of report on file.

Resolved to instruct the School Committee to bring in recommendation at the next town meeting of any rearrange-

ment of the six remaining grades, also that the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen be instructed to confer witih the Regional High School Committee of Topsfield and bring in a report at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Resolved to arrange and pick up the children in outlying districts, and from each village if their assigned grades are in the other village, and transport them to one or the other of the two existing school buildings as required to maintain the kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 in one building and grades 3 through 6 in the other. Yes 50 No 5

Article 10. Voted not to authorize the School Committee to use $1204.50, the balance of the appropriation for the Heating System at the Aaron Wood School, at the Community House School.

Article 11. Voted a rising vote of thanks to the School Committee, Selectmen and Mrs. Rosamond Lord for the time they have given toward the study of the school problem.

Voted to dissolve at 9:50 P.M.

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	*Name*	*Parents' Name*
1947		
Feb. 13	Anne Marie Christian	Russell Elza Christian Mary Louise (Greenler)
Oct. 31	Christine Sanders Waters	Albert C. Waters, Jr. Virginia R. (Bullock)
1948		
Jan. 25	Paul Laurence Killam	Franklin W. Killam Priscilla C. (Egan)
Mar. 5	Richard Albert Frost	Albert R. Frost Edna E. (Rouff)
Mar. 11	Paula Brownridge Weiss	Maurice B. Weiss Constance B. (Pym)
Apr. 20	Dona Elizabeth Waters	David S. Waters Dorothy E. (Chase)

Apr. 23	Mary Whitman Nason	Henry Whitman Nason Ruth (Covell)
July 14	Barbara Louise Christian	Russell E. Christian Mary Louise (Greenler)
Aug. 13	Jeffrey Handy Dick	Rudolph C. Dick, Jr. Margaret P. (Jenkinson)
Sept. 2	Catherine Ferreira	Francis Joseph Ferreira Catherine (Holland)
Sept. 3	Janice Eva Galloway	Harold Raymond Galloway Helen Katherine (Anderson)
Sept. 10	Alanna Lea Melvin	Leonard J. Melvin Rose (Stevenson)
Sept. 11	Douglas George Marshall	Norman MacKinnon Marshall Gertrude Alice (Vandenberg)
Sept. 18	——— Ackerman	Alfred R. Ackerman, Jr. Ruth A. (Weyhgant)
Sept. 21	Mary Margaret Bolton	John G. Bolton Helen M. (Wilson)
Oct. 4	John Patrick Greenler	William J. Greenler, Jr. Rita A. (O'Neill)
Oct. 24	David Gibson Trull	Archibald Lilbourn Trull Ethel (Rudolph)
Nov. 15	Jeffrey Arthur Pinkham	Charles H. Pinkham Marie G. (McCarty)
Dec. 16	Parmla Jean Blancher	Faris D. Blancher Charlotte P. (Peavey)
Dec. 18	Alexander MacGregor Colby	Edward Laurence Colby Marion (MacGregor)
Dec. 24	Penelope Cross	Jerome Whitman Cross Margaret (Bain)

DEATHS

Date 1948	*Name*	*Age* Yr.	M.	D.
Jan. 4	Margaret E. Deacy Greenler Downs	83	—	—
Jan. 21	Stanley Boyden Hills	55	1	6
Apr. 3	Lillian N. Killam	79	8	19
May 18	Chester Killam	85	8	28
June 17	Arthur T. Pinkney	76	11	2
July 26	William Smith	73	7	30
Aug. 6	Charles Clare Coggin	33	9	13
Aug. 11	Francis Otis Corbin	74	2	8
Sept. 12	Oscar Reed Hilyard	53	8	—
Sept. 18	———Ackerman	—	—	—
Oct. 5	Margaret A. Coggin	3	10	20
Oct. 9	Blanche Gertrude Nason	74	9	5
Oct. 28	Sarah Davis Sperry	53	6	26
Dec. 17	Irene Miriam Cargill	51	—	—

MARRIAGES

Date 1948	*Names*	*Residence*
Jan. 31	Elias Sidmore Gurley Doris Morse	Boxford Georgetown
June 5	Frederick Illingworth Robinson Deborah Staniford Perkins	Marblehead Boxford
June 6	Kenneth Clyde Arnold, Jr. Nancy Louise Purkis	Roslindale Boxford
June 19	Wallace Ladd Bolton Barbara Paige Dean	West Boxford Andover
June 20	Robert Lawrence Means Elizabeth Ann Jackson	Boxford Hanover, N.H.
June 26	Joel Otis Chadwick Earlene Ursula Williams	West Boxford Georgetown
Sept. 4	Herbert S. Sperry Anne G. Morlani	West Boxford Boxford
Sept. 6	Carl Melbourne Doane Barbara Burgson	Danvers West Boxford
Nov. 13	Thomas Henry Gardiner Aitken Virginia Gale	Menlo Park, Cal. Boxford

DOG LICENSES

88	Males at $2.00 each	$176.00
17	Females at $5.00 each	85.00
23	Spayed at $2.00 each	46.00
3	Kennels at $25.00 each	75.00
2	Licenses 1947 at $2.00 each	4.00
		$386.00
131	Fees at .20 each	26.20
	Paid Town Treasurer	$359.80

HUNTING LICENSES

12	Fishing Licenses at $2.00 each	$24.00
18	Hunting Licenses at $2.00 each	36.00
13	Sporting Licenses at $3.25 each	42.25
7	Minors and Woman's Fishing Licenses at $1.25 each	8.75
1	Minors Trapping License at $2.25 each	2.25
1	Resident Citizen Trapping License at $5.25 each	5.25
2	Non Resident Citizen Fishing License at $5.25	10.50
1	Non Resident 3 day Fishing License at $1.50	1.50
1	Resident Citizen Sporting License	Free
1	Resident Citizen Military & Naval Sporting License	Free
		$130.50
55	Clerk's Fees at .25 each	13.75
	Amount sent Division of Fisheries & Game	$116.75

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. ANDERSON,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operating costs of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.

2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government and other cities and towns.

3. Receipts of departments and available funds.

4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to raised in the fiscal year was	$112,827.34
Other expenses for the year were:	
State Parks and Reservations	59.64
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	265.22
County Tax	2,361.37
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	637.29
Contributory Retirement Assessment	475.58
Overlay for 1948	1,492.96
	$118,119.40
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated as	$58,128.03
Deducting the expected revenue from total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	$59,991.37
The Poll tax—315—yielded	630.00

In order to collect the balance of $59,361.37 called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was assigned a value for assessment purposes. Those assessments were as follows:

Personal estate	$203,186.00
Real estate—buildings and land	1,210,180.00
Giving a total valuation of	$1,413,366.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $42.00 which made a tax on personal property of $8,533.81 and on real estate $50,827.56.

The Motor Vehicle Excise tax on 632 vehicles valued at $217,530.00 at the state-wide rate of $38.07 yielded $6,179.62.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK
J. WARREN CHADWICK
HARRY L. COLE

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1948

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector:

Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$41,570.25	
Personal Property	7,425.01	
Poll	568.00	
Classified Forest Land	152.67	
		$49,715.93
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$6,717.20	
Personal Property	645.85	
Poll	10.00	
Classified Forest Land	41.37	
Moth	3.00	
		7,417.42
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1947	$819.56	
Levy of 1948	5,017.46	
		5,837.02
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Hghways:		
Chap. 81 Mantenance	$12,787.40	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,500.00	
Chap. 90 Construction	3,000.00	
		17,287.40
For Education:		
High School Tuition	$2,314.96	
Superintendent, Small Towns	579.48	
Mass., School Fund (Part II)	343.72	
Tuition, State Children	946.66	
		4,184.82
For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$8,457.62	
Corporation Taxes	3,435.90	
Loss of Taxes	486.19	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	269.87	
Snow Removal	72.00	

Animal Inspection	25.00	
		12,746.58
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$4,819.49	
Old Age Assist., U.S. Grant	4,894.90	
Old Age Assist., Admin., U.S. Grant	229.95	
Aid to Dependent Children	516.96	
Aid to Dep. Child., U.S. Grant	454.34	
Aid to Dep. Child., Admin., U.S. Grant	10.82	
Veterans' Aid	60.00	
		10,986.46
County of Essex:		
Chap. 90 Construction	$1,500.00	
Dog License Refund	337.97	
		1,837.97
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Interest on School Funds	$100.00	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	77.93	
West Parish	67.88	
J. T. Barker School Fund	750.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	208.59	
		1,204.40
Departmental Accounts:		
Highway	$106.69	
Forest Warden	34.35	
		141.04
Licenses and Permits:		
Dog	$355.00	
Slaughter	400.00	
Building	46.00	
Revolver	13.00	
Junk	12.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	3.00	
Used Car Dealer	1.00	
Recreational Camp	2.50	
Lord's Day	1.00	
		838.50

Unclassified:		
Interest on Taxes	$316.34	
Tax Costs	18.38	
Withholding Tax deductions	2,155.40	
Rent of Town Halls	347.50	
Rent of Morse House	96.00	
Departmental refunds	79.80	
Haverhill District Court	10.00	
All other	1.33	
		3,024.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$15,222.29

EXPENDITURES FOR 1948

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$1,021.01	
Board of Public Welfare	565.50	
Assessors	1,216.38	
Treasurer	268.27	
Town Clerk	289.60	
Accountant	1,429.39	
Accountant (1947 account)	10.00	
Tax Collector	1,389.09	
Registrars	226.63	
Elections	541.75	
Planning Board	27.50	
Appeal Board	15.38	
Building Inspector	864.05	
Building Inspector (1947 account)	68.20	
Board of Health	392.97	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	809.25	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$9,184.97

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$25.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Police	261.40

Deputy Game Warden	50.00	
Forest Warden	1,336.41	
Fire Warden	827.36	
Tree Warden	496.63	
Moth Suppression	1,099.59	
		4,146.39

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	$444.02	
Old Age Assistance,	7,500.00	
Old Age Assistance, U.S. Grant	4,129.67	
Old Age Assistance Admin., U.S. Grant	184.67	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,834.49	
Aid to Dep. Child., U.S. Grant	490.85	
Aid to Dep. Child., Admin., U.S. Grant	15.78	
Veterans' Benefits	30.00	
		14,629.48

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$29,994.66	
J. T. Barker School Fund	750.00	
Lighting System—Aaron Wood School	829.52	
Heating System—Aaron Wood School	545.50	
Vocational Education	111.85	
East Parish Library	446.91	
West Parish Library	436.87	
		33,115.31

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 90 Construction, Georgetown Road	$139.92	
Chap. 90 Construction, Washington Street	4,893.05	
Chap. 81 Maintenance	14,742.50	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	3,000.00	
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,623.30	
Road Machinery Maintenance	930.09	
Street Lighting	565.12	
Snow Removal and Sanding	13,104.78	
		$38,998.76

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	$1,206.83	
Public Grounds	143.00	
Insurance	1,706.59	
Town Forest	147.00	
Harmony Cemetery	200.00	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Soldiers' Graves	200.00	
Memorial Day	195.39	
Contingent Fund	57.48	
Clerical	175.00	
Withholding Tax deductions	2,155.40	
Sarah P. Perley fund	175.00	
Town Reports	450.00	
Interest on Loans	50.00	
Schoolhouse Loan	2,000.00	
Paradis Shop	436.67	
Essex Sanatorium	637.29	
Plans & Estimates, School Addition	226.94	
State Parks & Reservations	69.89	
County Tax	2,563.60	
State Audit	265.22	
Real Estate Tax refunds	144.90	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	184.00	
Poll Tax refunds	2.00	
Dog Licenses to County	355.00	
County Retirement System	475.58	
Bills of Charge:		
C. M. Moulton	30.90	
R. C. Hazelton Co.	625.00	
		14,928.68
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$115,003.59

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1948

Assets

Cash: General		$33,230.39
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1947:		
Real Estate	$3,016.07	
Personal Property	355.89	
		3,371.94
Levy of 1948:		
Poll	$12.00	
Real Estate	9,015.25	
Personal Property	1,098.30	
		10,125.55
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1948		783.08
Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1947	$7.82	
Levy of 1948	32.13	
		39.95
Moth:		
Levy of 1947		3.00
Departmental:		
Aid to Dep. Child., Mass.		320.90
Tax Title		39.64
State & County Aid to Highways:		
Chapter 81—Maintenance	$5,760.57	
Chapter 90—Construction	11,100.00	
		16,860.57
Underestimates:		
County Tax	$202.23	
State Parks & Reservations	10.45	
		212.68
		$64,987.70

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$3,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Fund—Cash and Securities	$50,041.30

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1948

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Title	$39.64	
Motor Vehicle Excise	783.08	
Departmental Revenue	320.90	
Special Assessment Revenue	42.95	
State & County Aid to Highway Revenue	16,860.57	
		$18,047.14
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1947	$1,440.79	
Levy of 1948	1,064.80	
		2,505.59
Overlay Surplus: Reserve		4,933.29
Excess and Deficiency		22,477.13
Sale of Lands of Low Value		33.81
U.S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	$3,435.59	
Old Age Assistance Administration	142.07	
Aid to Dependent Children	225.24	
Aid to Dep. Child., Administration	2.23	
		3,805.13
Appropriation Accounts:		
Chapter 90—Construction. Washington Street	$9,922.95	
School	535.34	
		10,458.29
Road Machinery Fund		2,693.73
Sarah P. Perley Fund		33.59
		$64,987.70

DEBT ACCOUNT

Schoolhouse Loan	$3,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$27,632.21	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Curtis & Killam Burial Lot Fund	256.09	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,000.00	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	7,664.17	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	823.42	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,165.41	
		$50,041.30

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1948

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$1,150.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$975.00	
Office supplies	27.01	
State & County Association dues	19.00	
Total expenditures	$1,021.01	
Balance to revenue	128.99	
	$1,150.00	$1,150.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$750.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$475.00	
Clerical	81.00	
Office supplies	9.50	
Total expenditures	$565.50	
Balance to revenue	184.50	
	$750.00	$750.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$1,350.00
Salaries, Assessors	$950.00	
Abstracts	70.00	
Clerical	161.00	
Office supplies	29.38	
Assessors Association dues	6.00	
Total expenditures	$1,216.38	
Balance to revenue	133.62	
	$1,350.00	$1,350.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$350.00
Salary, Treasurer	$200.00	
Bond	36.50	
Office supplies	24.97	
Rent of safety deposit vault	4.80	
Treasurers' Association dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$268.27	
Balance to revenue	81.73	
	$350.00	$350.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$425.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$208.00	
Bond	7.50	
Office expenses	74.10	
Total expenditures	$289.60	
Balance to revenue	135.40	
	$425.00	$425.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Salary, Tax Collector	$1,200.00	
Bonds	56.00	
Office expenses	131.09	
Collectors' Association dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$1,389.09	
Balance to revenue	610.91	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Accountant

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salary, Accountant	$1,308.00	
Repairs, office equipment	81.00	

Office expenses	40.39	
Total expenditures	$1,429.39	
Balance to revenue	70.61	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Accountant (1947 Account)

Balance from 1947		$15.21
Rent of adding machine	$10.00	
Total expenditure	$10.00	
Transfer to Public Grounds	5.21	
	$15.21	$15.21

Registrars

Appropriation		$235.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$214.63	
Clerical	12.00	
Total expenditures	$226.63	
Balance to revenue	8.37	
	$235.00	$235.00

Elections

Appropriation		$425.00
Transfer from Surplus Revenue		150.00
Services Election Officers	$324.00	
Services, Town Clerk	45.50	
New ballot box	101.50	
Printing and supplies	70.75	
Total expenditures	$541.75	
Balance to revenue	33.25	
	$575.00	$575.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$200.00
Dues, Mass. Fed. Planning Boards	$10.00	

Printing and supplies	17.50	
Total expenditures	$27.50	
Balance to revenue	172.50	
	$200.00	$200.00

Appeal Board

Transfer from Town Report Account		$50.00
Advertising	$15.38	
Total expenditure	$15.38	
Balance to revenue	34.62	
	$50.00	$50.00

Building Inspector

Appropration		$100.00
Transfer from Surplus Revenue		800.00
Services, Building Inspector	$150.00	
Legal services	550.00	
Surveyor's services	160.00	
Office expenses	4.05	
Total expenditures	$864.05	
Balance to revenue	35.95	
	$900.00	$900.00

Building Inspector (1947 Account)

Balance from 1947		$72.55
Services, Building Inspector	$65.00	
Office supplies	3.20	
Total expenditures	$68.20	
Balance to revenue	4.35	
	$72.55	$72.55

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$425.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$80.00	
Supplies and postage	11.53	
Services, Veterinary	5.00	
Maintenance of dump	296.44	
Total expenditures	$392.97	
Balance to revenue	32.03	
	$425.00	$425.00

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital

Appropriation		$637.29
County Assessment, Essex Sanitorium	$637.29	
	$637.29	$637.29

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

Appropriation		$950.00
Salaries:		
Inspectors of Slaughtering	$809.25	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
Total expenditures	$859.25	
Balance to revenue	90.75	
	$950.00	$950.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$400.00
Services, Police officers	$240.90	
Supplies	20.50	
Total expenditures	$261.40	
Balance to revenue	138.60	
	$400.00	$400.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Deputy Game Warden

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Deputy Game Warden	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$35.00
Salary, Sealer	$25.00	
Total expenditure	$25.00	
Balance to revenue	10.00	
	$35.00	$35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$1,250.00
Janitor service	$100.00	
Labor	106.50	
Compressor	393.86	
Badges	61.90	
Fuel	112.50	
Repairs	31.04	
Supplies	14.56	
Dues and subscription	7.00	
Total expenditures	$827.36	
Balance to revenue	422.64	
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salary, Forest Warden	$133.16	
Labor	101.00	
Fire pumps	519.13	
Janitors	200.00	

Telephone	139.96	
Supplies	82.74	
Repairs	55.19	
Fuel	92.13	
Gasoline	13.10	
Total expenditures	$1,336.41	
Balance to revenue	163.59	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$500.00
Labor	$201.00	
Truck	55.00	
Tractor	5.00	
Trimming & cutting large elms	234.05	
Supplies	1.58	
Total expenditures	$496.63	
Balance to revenue	3.37	
	$500.00	$500.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$1,300.00
Labor	$739.00	
Trucks	147.00	
Elm tree spraying	141.20	
Oil	20.30	
Repairs	52.09	
Total expenditures	$1,099.59	
Balance to revenue	200.41	
	$1,300.00	$1,300.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$500.00
Cash	$352.00	

Fuel	37.00	
Clothing	55.02	
Total expenditures	$444.02	
Balance to revenue	55.98	
	$500.00	$500.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$7,500.00
Cash	$7,500.00	
	$7,500.00	$7,500.00

Old Age Assistance, U.S. Grant

Balance from 1947		$2,670.36
Federal Grants		4,894.90
Cash	$4,129.67	
Balance to 1949	3,435.59	
	$7,565.26	$7,565.26

Old Age Assistance—Administration - U.S. Grant

Balance from 1947		$96.79
Federal Grants		229.95
Clerical	$162.50	
Office supplies	22.17	
Total expenditures	$184.67	
Balance to 1949	142.07	
	$326.74	$326.74

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$1,250.00
Transfer from Surplus Revenue		900.00
Cash	$1,834.49	
Balance to revenue	315.51	
	$2,150.00	$2,150.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U.S. Grant

Balance from 1947		$261.75
Federal Grants		454.34
Cash	$490.85	
Balance to 1949	225.24	
	$716.09	$716.09

Aid to Dependent Children, Admin., U.S. Grant

Balance from 1947		$7.19
Federal Grants		10.82
Clerical	$15.00	
Postage	.78	
Total expenditures	$15.78	
Balance to 1949	2.23	
	$18.01	$18.01

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$800.00
Groceries	$30.00	
Balance to revenue	770.00	
	$800.00	$800.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Labor	$542.00	
Trucks	185.75	
Bulldozer	56.00	
Blasting	107.50	
Oil	7.19	
Sand & Gravel	387.58	
Lumber	243.22	
Signs	40.00	
Creosote & paint	14.86	
Pipe	39.20	
Total expenditures	$1,623.30	

Balance to revenue	376.70	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,750.00
State allotment		12,375.00
Labor	$6,434.00	
Trucks	2,063.25	
Use of town tools	382.50	
Oil	4,430.66	
Sand & Gravel	1,600.10	
Pipe	98.49	
Paint	27.30	
Cement	2.06	
Signs	15.00	
Guard rail & posts	70.04	
Zinc sulphate	1.60	
	$15,125.00	$15,125.00

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,000.00
State allotment		1,000.00
Labor	$837.50	
Trucks	222.75	
Roller	163.20	
Oil	1,019.86	
Stone	756.69	
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Georgetown Road

Balance from 1947		$139.92
Labor	$104.00	
Trucks	12.50	
Bolts	21.00	
Paint	2.42	
	$139.92	$139.92

Chapter 90—Construction, Washington Street

Appropriation		$3,750.00
State allotment		7,400.00
County allotment		3,700.00
Labor	$2,193.00	
Trucks	899.25	
Shovel	1,200.00	
Roller	40.80	
Grader	280.00	
Bulldozer	280.00	
Use of town tools	34.00	
Total expenditures	$4,927.05	
Balance to 1949	9,922.95	
	$14,850.00	$14,850.00

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriated from Road Machinery Fund		$2,000.00
Labor	$248.00	
Trucks	33.25	
Gasoline & oil	239.00	
Repairs	239.83	
Fuel & Light	39.37	
Tools	79.60	
Storage	15.00	
Kerosene	36.04	
Total expenditures	$930.09	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	1,069.91	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$15,000.00
Labor	$4,383.51	
Trucks	710.00	
Trucks & plows	3,099.38	
Use of town tools	1,564.25	
Repairs	1,934.31	
Tractor cabs	700.00	

Plow	721.41	
Sand	284.88	
Salt	460.60	
Gasoline & oil	287.40	
Bulldozer	36.00	
Tools	15.13	
Antifreeze	15.40	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	453.01	
All other	3.75	
Total expenditures	$14,669.03	
Balance to revenue	330.97	
	$15,000.00	$15,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$600.00
Street lights	$565.12	
Balance to revenue	34.88	
	$600.00	$600.00

SCHOOL AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$30,530.00
Teachers' Salaries:		
Morse School	$4,560.00	
Aaron Wood School	6,652.64	
Special teachers	1,235.32	
Substitutes	205.00	
Superintendence:		
Salary	682.54	
Clerk	72.54	
Expense	127.11	
Health:		
Nurse	300.00	
Physician	100.00	
Tuition	4,842.18	
Transportation	4,680.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	1,215.59	

Attendance Officers	20.00	
Books	428.17	
Supplies	921.34	
Fuel	1,102.95	
Light	379.07	
Telephones	114.30	
Repairs	1,645.41	
Insurance	700.00	
Grounds	10.50	
Total expenditures	$29,994.66	
Balance to 1949	535.34	
	$30,530.00	$30,530.00

J. T. Barker Fund

Interest received from Trustees		$750.00
Tuition, North Andover	$750.00	
	$750.00	$750.00

Lighting System—Aaron Wood School

Balance from 1947		$850.00
Lighting fixtures	$650.00	
Installation	179.52	
Total expenditures	$829.52	
Balance to revenue	20.48	
	$850.00	$850.00

Heating System—Aaron Wood School

Balance from 1947		$1,750.00
Installation of heating system	$545.50	
Balance to revenue	1,204.50	
	$1,750.00	$1,750.00

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$200.00
Transportation	$96.25	

Tuition	15.60	
Total expenditures	$111.85	
Balance to revenue	88.15	
	$200.00	$200.00

Plans and Estimates—Additions to Schools

Appropriation		$500.00
Fees—School consultants	$200.00	
Expenses	26.94	
Total expenditures	$226.94	
Balance to revenue	273.06	
	$500.00	$500.00

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half Dog license refund from County		168.98
Interest from Library Funds		77.93
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	$446.91	
	$446.91	$446.91

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half Dog license refunded from County		168.99
Interest from Library Funds		67.88
Books	$111.56	
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	325.31	
	$436.87	$436.87

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$1,200.00
Transfer from Reserve		6.83
Janitors	$350.00	
Fuel & light	502.99	
Telephone	42.15	
Repairs	263.51	

Supplies	23.28	
Removal of ashes & rubbish	10.90	
Grounds	14.00	
	$1,206.83	$1,206.83

Town Forest

Appropriation		$150.00
Labor	$112.00	
Supervision, transportation, etc.	35.00	
Total expenditures	$147.00	
Balance to revenue	3.00	
	$150.00	$150.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$150.00
Transfer from Memorial Day		4.61
Transfer from Accountant, 1947 acct.		5.21
Labor	$143.00	
Balance to revenue	16.82	
	$159.82	$159.82

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	$200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$225.00	$225.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$200.00
Labor and materials	$200.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00

Labor	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$200.00
Flags	$16.63	
Flowers	18.50	
Music	110.00	
Refreshments	36.51	
Ammunition	13.75	
Total expenditures	$195.39	
Transfer to Public Grounds	4.61	
	$200.00	$200.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$1,700.00
Transfer from Interest on Loans		75.00
Insurance Policies:		
Fire	$660.67	
Compensation	420.87	
Liability	405.15	
Volunteer Firemen	146.25	
Fire & Theft, Motor Vehicles	48.65	
Sprayer	25.00	
Total expenditures	$1,706.59	
Balance to revenue	68.41	
	$1,775.00	$1,775.00

Paradis Shop—Purchase and Repair

Balance from 1947		$463.81
Labor	$390.44	
Materials	46.23	
Total expenditures	$436.67	
Balance to revenue	27.14	
	$463.81	$463.81

Interest on Loans

Appropriation		$125.00
Interest on Schoolhouse loan	$50.00	
Transfer to Insurance	75.00	
	$125.00	$125.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$500.00
Town Reports	$450.00	
Transfer to Appeal Board	50.00	
	$500.00	$500.00

Clerical Account

Appropriation		$175.00
Clerical (all depts.)	$175.00	
	$175.00	$175.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$400.00
Painting flag pole	$30.00	
Rope for flag pole	3.58	
Advertising	9.50	
Recording deeds	14.40	
Total expenditures	$57.48	
Balance to revenue	342.52	
	$400.00	$400.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$500.00
Transfer to Town Halls	$6.83	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	493.17	
	$500.00	$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1948 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1948		$33,011.69
S. S. Pearl, Tax Collector	$63,305.09	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	17,287.40	
Education	4,184.82	
Taxes	12,649.58	
Old Age Assist., grants & refunds	9,944.34	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants & refunds	982.12	
Veterans' Aid refund	60.00	
Animal Inspection refund	25.00	
Snow removal, Rts. 97 & 133	72.00	
County of Essex:		
Highways	1,500.00	
Dog License refund	337.97	
Trust Funds, income	1,204.40	
Departmental receipts	141.04	
Licenses and permits	838.50	
Rents from town property	443.50	
Tax refund	79.80	
Withholding Tax account	2,155.40	
Court fine	10.00	
All other	1.33	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		115,222.29
		$148,233.98
Disbursements:		
Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen		115,003.59
Balance December 31, 1948		$33,230.39

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $13,650.00:

$6,500 U.S. Treasury Bonds 2½'s 70/65	$6,500.00
7,150 U.S. Treasury Bonds 2⅞'s 60/55	7,150.00
	$13,650.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$5,281.51
Interest for the year 1948	132.85
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$5,414.36

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$102.61
Interest for the year 1948	2.05
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$104.66
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$7,896.12
Interest on U.S. Treasury Bonds	368.07
Savings Bank interest for 1948	199.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$8,463.19

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank are United States Treasury Bonds as follow:

$2,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds reg. 2½'s 69/64	$2,000.00
3,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds 2½'s 71/66	3,000.00
2,000 U.S. Treasury Bonds 1½'s 50/45	2,000.00
	$7,000.00

Interest from these bonds is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$496.36
Interest on U.S. Treasury Bonds	155.00
Savings Bank interest for 1948	12.81
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$664.17

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$249.83
Interest for the year 1948	6.26
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$256.09

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$2,166.31
Interest for 1948	42.28
	$2,208.59
Withdrawn	208.59
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$2,000.00

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$2,000.00
Interest for 1948	40.20
	$2,040.20

Withdrawn	40.20
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$2,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$1,500.00
Interest for 1948	37.73
	$1,537.73
Withdrawn	37.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$1,500.00
Interest for 1948	30.15
	$1,530.15
Withdrawn	30.15
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1948	$1,500.00
Interest for 1948	37.73
	$1,537.73
Withdrawn	37.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$1,500.00

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
Balance Jan. 1 ,1949	$823.42

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$1,165.41

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1948

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 11474	$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of Fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above Fund has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$25.00
Danvers Savings Bank	50.00
Salem Savings Bank	25.00
Total	$100.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST,
JOHN T. CHADWICK,

Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1945

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1948	$28.95	
Interest collected	2.54	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$12.30
Personal		16.65
Interest		2.54
	$31.49	$31.49

TAXES—1946

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1948	$3,231.03	
Interest and costs collected	216.48	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$3,074.71
Personal		135.52
Classified Forest Land		20.80
Interest and costs		216.48
	$3,447.51	$3,447.51

TAXES—1947

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1948	$8,415.17	
Interest and costs	103.85	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	60.38	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$10.00
Real Estate		3,630.19
Personal		493.68
Classified Forest Land		20.57
Motor Vehicle Excise		819.56
Moth		3.00
Interest and costs		103.85
Abatements:		
Poll		4.00
Personal		10.20
Classified Forest Land		4.76
Motor Vehicle Excise		94.28

Transfer to Tax Title account		2.55
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1949		3,382.76
	$8,579.40	$8,579.40

TAXES—1948

Real Estate commitments	$50,877.96	
Personal Property commitments	8,535.91	
Poll Tax commitments	636.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise commitments	6179.62	
Classified Forest Land assessment	189.21	
Interest and costs collected	11.85	
Poll tax refund	2.00	
Real Estate refunds	65.10	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	123.62	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$41,570.25
Personal		7,425.01
Poll		568.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		5,017.46
Classified Forest Land		152.67
Interest and costs		11.85
Abatements:		
Real Estate		357.56
Personal		12.60
Poll		58.00
Classified Forest Land		4.41
Motor Vehicle Excise		502.70
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1949		10,940.76
	$66,621.27	$66,621.27

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$48,287.45
Personal Property	8,070.86
Poll	578.00
Classified Forest Land	194.04
Moth	3.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	5,837.02

Interest and costs	334.72
Paid to Treasurer	$63,305.09

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,

Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

In compliance with the By-laws of the town, the Selectmen present the following report for the year ending December 31, 1948:

In the Highway Department for Chapter 81 Maintenance the State contributed $12,375.00 and the town appropriated $2,750.00. The total of $15,125.00 was spent under the direction of the engineers from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the maintenance of secondary roads.

The town raised $2,000.00 and the State reimbursed $1,000.00 for maintenance of Chapter 90 highways. Of this $3,000.00 expenditure, $1,903.40 was used to stone surface a section of Killam Hill Road which is a part of Route 97 and the balance of $1,096.60 oil surfaced a section of Washington Street, Route 133.

The sum of $14,800.00 was made available under Chapter 90 Construction for the relocation and reconstruction of a section of Washington Street between Main Street and Willow Road. The State contributes $7,400.00, the County $3,700.00 and $3,700.00 was appropriated by the town. For this relocation, deeds for 50,520 feet of land and easements for 16,100 feet were procured from abutting owners as follows:

Charlotte P. Colby Russell E. Colby E. Laurence Colby	Joint owners Easement
Charlotte P. Colby	Easement

David A. Anderson Donald E. Anderson Ruth E. Anderson	Joint tenants Easement
Ezreal Budnick	Easement
Frederick E. Cochrane Muriel K. Cochrane	Tenants by entirety Easement
Walter H. Gamans, Jr. Julia R. Gamans	Joint tenants Deed
Katherine R. Dick William H. Dick	Joint tenants Deed
Leonard A. Despres Helen L. Despres	Joint tenants Easement
George W. Busby	Easement

An appropriation of $301.00 for land damage is necessary to be raised at the annual Town Meeting on March 7, 1949.

Most of the preliminary work and grading on this project has been completed and it should be ready for traffic in the early spring.

Emergency exit lights which were purchased in 1947 have been installed in the Town Hall at a cost of $125.28 which includes other minor electrical improvements.

In April 1948 the sum of $88.38 was expended for material to paint the exterior of Lincoln Hall. This was applied by volunteer labor for which we wish to express our sincere appreciation.

Alterations and repairs started in 1947 at the recently acquired fire house for the West Parish have been completed during the year at a cost of $436.67.

We wish to thank the various town departments and committees for their splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has had an active year.

The Zoning By-Law received its severest test in the suit of the town against the Topsfield Sand and Gravel Co. for failure to observe the regulations of the By-Law. The Building Inspector, several members of the Planning Board and many interested citizens of the town testified at hearings held in Haverhill and as a result of their testimony the temporary injunction restraining the defendents from further operations contrary to the By-Law was made permanent. Inasmuch as the defendents tried to prove that the Zoning By-Law was improperly adopted and therefore ineffective, it is a source of great satisfaction to the Planning Board thus to have the By-Law upheld by the courts. The Planning Board wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate the Building Inspector for the efficient discharge of his duties under the Zoning By-Law, and especially for his effective stand in the afore mentioned instance.

During the year hearings have been held on several petition to amend the Zoning By-Law, and the Planning Board has requested that an article be inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting in regard to one of these petitions, namely that to change the regulations applying to private landing fields. It is hoped that the town will give this matter their thoughtful consideration.

The Planning Board recommends that the subject matter of the other petitions be considered at a special town meeting to be called for that purpose, as it is felt that the annual town meeting will not allow sufficient time to give these matters the full consideraton that their importance merits.

We feel that the first few years under the Zoning-By-Law and the Building Code have amply justified their adoption by the town, and we recommend that the town give its most careful consideration to any and all proposals to amend them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WARREN CHADWICK
CHARLES M. COTTON
ALBERT C. GALE
SIMEON S. PEARL
WILLIAM C. WALSH
ROSAMUND PRICE, *Clerk*
SETH L. KELSEY, *Chairman*

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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The Libray is open every Thursday and Saturday afternoon. From May to October, the Library was open on Tuesday evenings. Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes very kindly gave her services as librarian on these evenings.

Twenty-eight Five-Book State Reading Certificates and two Honor Certifiicates were awarded last year to the pupils of the Aaron Wood School.

As usual one-half of the dog license money was given to the Library Associaton as well as one-half of the $400.00 voted to the libraries at the Annual Town Meeting. This money was very gratefully received by the Trustees and has been used for the expenses of the library.

During the year 366 books have been purchased. The total book collection is now 9,558.

The circulation of books has been 3,674 for the year. This figure does not include the circulation of books which have been placed in the three rooms of the Aaron Wood School.

There has been increasing interest in the 28 magazines to which the Library regularly subscribes.

The exhibition case has been in use throughout the year. Several exhibits were borrowed from the Children's Museum, Jamaica Plain. An interesting exhibit of material from the islands of the Pacific was loaned by Mr. F. Carlisle Gardner. At present there is a collection of mounted birds loaned by Mr. Winthrop P. Haynes.

For these and all other gifts the Trustees wish to express their sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. PERLEY,

Secretary

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

OFFICERS

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MRS. ALEXANDER PRICE, Vice President
MISS RUBY F. NASON, Secretary
MR. E. LAURENCE COLBY, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Dr. Walter R. Ingalls, Chairman
Mr. John T. Chadwick Mr. F. Willard Pearl

Books added to the library in 1948 totaled 180; of this number 119 were purchased and 61 were presented. The number of volumes now in the collection is 7,280.

The circulation of books during the year amounted to 2,737. There was a marked increase in the number of books borrowed by children. The records show that 848 children's books were circulated, which is 264 more than in 1947.

The book purchasing committee and the teachers of the Morse School made a special effort to interest the children in State Certificate reading. At the closing exercises of

school 30 State Reading Certifiicates were awarded; six of these were honor certificates.

The Library Association again wishes to express its appreciation to all those who in any way assisted in the maintenance and advancement of the Library work in the community during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS,

Librarian

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the Boxford Police Department for the year 1948:

Classification	*No. of Cases*
Summonses served	16
Complaints, various	53
Registry requests	7
Automobile accidents	7
Church break	1
Gravel pit breaks	2
Camp breaks	2
Arrests	10
Court appearances	6

There were many more minor offenses reported to this department than in the previous year.

Highway patrol was carried on during the summer months on Routes 133 and 97.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON A. NELSON,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Labor	$106.50
Compressor	393.86
Janitor service	100.00
Fuel	112.50
Supplies & equipment	114.50
Total	$827.36
Unexpended balance	422.64
Appropriation	$1,250.00

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Fire Warden

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Telephone	$139.96
Salary	133.16
Labor	101.00
Janitors	200.00
Indian Pumps	143.13
Fuel	92.13
Fire Pump	376.00
Supplies & equipment	151.03
Total	$1,336.41
Unexpended balance	163.59
Appropriation	$1,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

During the year 1948 the brush and dead wood was cleared from the wood roads in the Town Forest.

Also an improvement cutting on about two acres was made. From this, two cords or more of wood were realized, one cord of which has been given to the Welfare Department.

The expenditures to Jan. 1, 1949, have been as follows:

Superintending, transportation and care of tools	$35.00
Labor	112.00
Total expenditure	$147.00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS
CLARENCE E. BROWN
MRS. WINTHROP P. HAYNES

Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

This year a considerable amount of trimming and topping has been accomplished. The large Elm at the Historical House was topped, removing quite a hazard. We hope to be able to remove the rest of such trees.

The Telephone Co. and the Electric Light Co. have done considerable trimming to put new lines through and improve service on the old lines.

Labor	$191.00
Services of Tree Experts	234.05
Truck	70.00
Supplies	4.08
Total Expenditures	$499.13

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON NOYES

Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

We were successful in spraying all roads in the East and West ends of Boxford, also the Town Forest.

All the roads were checked for Gypsy Moth nests, so as to check and kill all that could be found before time to hatch.

Labor	$739.00
Trucking	129.00
Repairs	55.75
Supplies	34.64
Spraying	141.20
Total Expenditures	$1,099.59

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON NOYES,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During 1948 the town has been almost entirely free of contagious diseases with the exception of dog bite cases, the number of which has increased considerably. Three cases of chicken pox and two cases of mumps, the smallest number of contagious diseases to be reported to the Board of Health for many years, but there were eleven cases of dog bite reported.

The public dump has been very heavily patronized which necessitated the use of a bulldozer to level it off and enlarge the dumping area. Further improvements at the dump are planned for 1949.

Five recreation camps were licensed and inspected by the Department of Public Health according to law.

Several private water supplies were examined and reports from the State Public Health Department on the quality of the water and the condition surrounding the wells were sent to the owners.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Boxford:

We are pleased to report that welfare continues to be a minor problem, the outlay having been $444.02 in cash plus 1 cord of wood from the Town Forest and 1 cord from the Town Dump.

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

There were 16 cases of Old Age Assistance Jan. 1, 1948. During the year three new cases were added and one was transfered, leaving a total of 18 cases Dec. 31, 1948.

In accordance with a new law effective September 1, 1948, payments are now made in advance instead of arrears.

The total expenditures for Old Age Assistance recipients were $11,629.67, $7,500.00 being money appropriated by the town and $4,129.67 from money received in Federal Grants.

Federal and State reimbursements were received in the amounts of $4,894.90 and $4,819.49 respectively. The balance of $1,915.28 represents the actual costs to the town.

Aid to Dependent Children

Two cases on Aid to Dependent Children received $2,-325.34 during the year 1948. Reimbursements of $516.96 were received from the Commonwealth and $454.34 in Federal Grants.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

During the year 1948 there were 26 permits issued, 6 for new construction valued at $29,500.00, 16 for repairs and remodeling at a valuation of $10,750.00, and 4 for garages, valuation $2,300.00. The total valuation of construction for the year 1948 was $42,550.00.

Fees collected	$46.00
Buildings inspected	28
Investigations	3
Court cases	1
Expenses:	
Legal services	$550.00
Summons (one)	3.00
Surveyor	160.00
Salary	150.00
Stamps	1.05
	$864.05

Respectfully submitted,
NORMAN M. MARSHALL,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

During the year I have sealed the following weights and measures:

Platform Scales	1
Gasoline Meters	6
Kerosene Pumps	1
Grease Measuring Pumps	1
Beam Scale	1
Spring Scales	5
Oil Pumps	2
Computing Scales	1

Respectfully submitted,
WM. R. WALSH,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

At the end of 1948 a number of dogs remained unli-

censed. All money collected for licenses was turned over to the Town Clerk and appears in his report.

Three stray dogs were disposed of during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. FROST,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The annual inspection of barns and animals is still in effect by order of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control. The number of farm animals has decreased considerably, but it is still necessary to visit all farms where any live stock is kept.

Routine checking on tag numbers and test records of cattle has been attended to. This checking applies to cattle brought in for slaughter as well as for dairy purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. GREENLER, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED	
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves
Jan.	81	193	3	0	8
Feb.	48	158	9	0	2
Mar.	61	215	1	0	6
April	95	202	0	0	10
May	82	120	2	0	6
June	61	192	3	0	2
July	75	187	3	0	2
Aug.	50	206	3	0	4
Sept.	48	131	10	0	2
Oct.	48	165	8	0	1
Nov.	42	166	2	0	2

Dec.	58	187	8	1	3
Total	749	2,122	49	1	48

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FOSTER,
ALBERT R. FROST,
Inspectors of Slaughtering

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

	North Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance Carried over from 1947	$152.63	$123.16	$275.79
Appropriated in 1948 Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946, raised by Assessors 1948 Tax Levy	700.00		700.00
Total	$852.63	$123.16	$975.79
Expended to December 31, 1948	*657.25	*92.27	749.52
Balance, December 31, 1948	$195.38	$30.89	$226.27

* Basis of Apportionment, Chapter 559, Acts of 1945, an act establishing the basis of apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00 — Percent	.8769
Boxford	1,317,222.00 — Percent	.1231

JAMES J. MAKER,
District Treasurer

REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER—BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

The following cases were assisted during 1948:

Discharge (copy)	13
Discharge (recorded)	7
Terminal Leave	23
State Bonus	8
Notorization	34
Taxes	4

Back Pay	1
Information	56
Burial	6

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Compensation	12
Pensions	6
Education, training, rehabilitation	12
Subsistence	8
Hospitalization	4
Insurance	9
Medical—Dental	5

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

District Director

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (salary)	$720.00
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. (services)	19.92
George H. Schruender (gasoline for trips to Boxford)	2.60
Veterans Information Service, Frank Ostlin, Director, Moline, Illinois (Veterans' Laws)	4.50
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr., (District Treasurer's Bond)	2.50
	$749.52

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

Agent

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1948

BOYD-JAMES PRESS, INC.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Dr. Stephen Maddock, Chairman	Term expires 1949
William J. Greenler, Jr., Secretary	Term expires 1950
Helen E. Chadwick	Term expires 1951

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Willam D. Johnson, Ed.M.
Jackson Way, Georgetown
Telephone Georgetown 3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Lois Rogers, M. D.
Topsfield

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R. N.
Topsfield

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

Archie Peabody
Boxford
Clayton A. Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	Grades or Subjects
Dorothy Eade Carver	Morse	1-4
George Flagg	Morse	5-8
Gladys E. MacPherson	Aaron-Wood	7-8
Lelia Millay	Community House	1-3
Ruth Morin	Aaron-Wood	4-6
Andronike Mekelatos		Music Supervisor
Esther Osman		Art Supervisor
Susan Jordan		Sewing

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Annual Report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1948 is hereby submitted:

At the special Town Meeting held last autumn, the school problems were discussed together with the report of the survey made by two recognized experts in the field of elementary and secondary public school education. The voters of the town expressed themselves in favor of the recommendation of the survey, which provided, (1) a transfer of the Boxford High School and seventh and eighth grade pupils to the Town of Andover, which provides a high school and junior high school adjoining; (2) the shuttling of West Boxford and East Boxford pupils so as to combine two grades to each teacher; and (3) to provide for kindergarten facilities.

Your committee, having been instructed to prepare definite recommendations to be submitted to this regular Town Meeting, has given considerable study to all three aspects of this recommendation.

Due to the over-population of the schools in the East Precinct of the town, we have been temporarily using the Community House as a school building in conjunction with the Aaron Wood School. We have asked for and have been granted by the town sufficient money to renovate it for use on a temporary basis. Because of the fact that it was temporary, we have purposely kept renovations at a minimum. The Community House has served its purpose, but has never been intended nor would it be satisfactory as a permanent part of our school system.

As indicated in the survey report, three alternatives presented themselves; namely, a new and central school building within the town; renovations and enlargements to both existing school buildings; or the transfer to Andover as recommended by the men who made the survey. The opinion of the Committee, which was apparently supported by the vote at the special town meeting, was that a central school was of prohibitive cost, particularly at this time, since available rough estimates approximated $200,000; also it left a problem of transportation and teachers. We examined the

possibilities of additions to the present school buildings, and found that any adequate construction in the Aaron Wood School would run to a minimum of $35,000 and probably more, with a problem less urgent but eventually just as expensive in the west precinct; and this would not leave room for a smaller number of grades per teacher or for special teaching classes to a much greater extent than at present.

Following up the recommendation and vote, the Committee has investigated the possibilities at Andover. By sending the seventh through twelfth grades there, we do of course encounter some transportation problems, and the original radical change may disturb many. However, the educational facilities offered there are of the best standing; and we feel that the transportation problem can be solved without undue discomfort to anyone. Most important of all, the absorption of our seventh and eighth grades into the Andover system will solve our own congestion problem for some time to come, and thereby eliminate any expensive construction in the near future. At the same time we can thereby save a full time teacher and abandon the Community House. The Committee has therefore requested and received from the Andover School Board an acceptance of our seventh through twelfth grade pupils to that town, beginning in September, 1949. At a conference of our Committee with the Andover Committee, we gathered that the Committee was entirely willing to receive us; with the only condition that they should feel free to discontinue this arrangement if at some future date their schools should become so crowded that our pupils meant the difference between some new construction and none.

With regard to the second recommendation, the Committee is cognizant of some opposition from parents to the transfer of the children from one end of town to the other due to the distance travelled and the time spent on the road, and we have of course considered the additional expense of transportation. On the other hand, we have been desirous of securing the advantage of a smaller number of grades per teacher, which according to all expert opinion seems to make for better educational results, and was stressed as de-

sirable in the survey report. Our decision has been to modify the survey recommendation and to provide for the shuttling of the third through sixth grades only, thereby leaving the first and second grades where they are, nearest their homes, but moving all of the third and fourth grades to one school and the fifth and sixth grades to the other; in this way our four remaining regular teachers will each have two grades. This will involve some additional transportation costs, but we believe that the buses in returning from the Andover trip can plan their routes to make a minimum of extra mileage and time.

The combination of these two plans leaves the first two grades where they are, the third through sixth grades provided for within the town in a system of two grades to a teacher, and the seventh grade upward through high school provided for in Andover where they will enjoy facilities at least as good as are available in this vicinty. The saving of a teacher and abandonment of the Community House as a school will balance off a part of the additional cost of tuition and transportation.

As for the expense, your Committee in conferring with the Finance Committee roughly computed the cost of the new arrangement, when put in complete operation over a full year, as representing an increase of about $6,000 per year over the 1948 costs. We have learned since that under the new laws the entire increase in transportation costs will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth, so that the net additional cost to the town will be nearer $4,000.

We feel, first, that the advantages in educational facilities for the children are well worth the expense; second, that as an alternative the town would be faced very soon with the expenditure of a sum of money for construction or renovation of our own schools which would mean at least as great an increase in the annual budget in order to care for our most urgent needs.

The third recommendation, in regard to the establishment of kindergarten facilities, has also been given careful study. It became immediately apparent to the Committee that the kindergarten would involve either the establish-

ment of one kindergarten with one teacher in one end of town, or separate kindergartens with separate teachers, one in each end of town. Either alternative seemed to present considerable difficulty. Both involve at least one additional teacher, thereby losing the saving we had made by the arrangement with Andover. The Morse School might conceivably, without prohibitive expense, be made to house a kindergarten in the basement room; but that plan would involve the transportation of the East Boxford children to the West Boxford School, and home again, presumably, at noon with not only the objection of having extremely young children travelling considerable distance, but also a staggering addition to our already difficult transportation problem. The alternative of separate kindergartens, of one kindergarten in the east precinct, would involve what the Committee found were surprisingly expensive renovations in the Aaron Wood School; it would be necessary to construct an entirely new room at that school, thereby casting us back into the construction problems which led us to reject the alternative of renovating our present schools in the beginning.

To expend considerable money in renovating the buildings and hiring teachers seemed to the committee to be inconsistent with the plan of sending the children to Andover in order to avoid just this. For this reason, coupled with a consciousness of the already mounting budget and tax rate, the Committee have decided to postpone action in respect to the establishment of a kindergarten at least for the present, and do so recommend.

The question was also brought up at the special town meeting regarding the possibility of a Regional High School to be established through the cooperation of neighboring towns. The Committee has met and discussed this matter with the Regional Committee of the town of Topsfield, and find that the towns of Middleton, Manchester, Hamilton, Topsfield, Boxford, Essex and Wenham have been contacted and are interested in such a project. Other towns such as Groveland, Georgetown, Rowley and Rockport have been mentioned as possible participators. Any group of two or more might of course combine without the rest.

Obvously, the distance between the towns interested, plus the ever-present difficulty of arriving at complete and reasonably permanent agreement between several independent towns with divergent populations and interests, renders the possibility of a Regional High School at least a few years away. However, with the idea that in future years a plan might be worked out whereby we and a few of our neighboring towns might have a first-class high school of our own on a cooperative basis with each town having a voice in its management and policies, we recommend that the town authorize the School Committee or a special committee to continue a study of the matter and to cooperate with similar committees of neighboring towns towards the accomplishment of such a plan.

For reports of other aspects of the schools, we invite your attention to the Superintendent's and other special reports contained in this town report.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MADDOCK, M.D., Chairman
HELEN E. CHADWICK
WILLIAM J. GREENLER, JR.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1948.

During the past year there have been several changes in the teaching staff in our schools. In January Rev. Raymond Putnam was appointed to substitute for Mrs. Gladys MacPherson during her illness. When Mrs. MacPherson returned to her position, Mr. Putnam was continued for the balance of the school year in the intermediate position left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Natalie Parsons. In September Mrs. Ruth Morin, a Normal School Graduate with several years teaching experience, became the teacher of these grades.

In June, Mrs. Doris Currier, our Supervisor of Music, resigned. The operettas presented by boys and girls under the direction of Mrs. Currier will long be remembered as splen-

did productions. Miss Andronike Mekelatos of Lowell and Boston was elected to succeed Mrs. Currier. Miss Mekelatos is a Lowell Teachers College graduate with previous experience as Music Supervisor.

The condition of our school buildings is reasonably satisfactory for ordinary classroom purposes. The whitening of the ceilings at the Morse School has added to the effectiveness of the light distribution to the pupils' benefit. Insulation of the Morse School during the winter of 1948 should result in a decreased expenditure for fuel.

The condition of text books was greatly improved during the year through the purchase of new Geography books for two grades, new Language books for several grades, several sets of supplementary readers and such replacements and fill-ins as were required to meet the needs of the individual grades.

In the Spring of 1948 a group from the Department of Education of the Commonwealth visited the schools of Boxford, examining buildings, teacher's programs, records, conversing with the teachers and observing the work carried on in our schools. While the report of the visitation of these officials was on the whole complimentary, our attention was called to the fact that we lacked those facilities for our upper grade pupils which a good Junior High School offers.

Following the visitation of State Officials, Dean Davis of Boston University and Mr. Ralph McLeary, Superintendent of Schools at Concord, Massachusetts made a survey of our building situation at the request of a committee formed by a vote of the town. The report of Dean Davis and Mr. McLeary was in harmony with observations of the State Officials. The recommendaton of Dean Davis and Mr. McLeary that we tuition our seventh and eighth grade to a Junior High School in order that they may have the advantages a broader program of studies offers has been adopted by the Committee and arrangements have been made with the Town of Andover for both our Junior High School and Senior High School pupils to attend school in that town in another year.

The tuitioning of our seventh and eighth grade pupils

to Andover will make possible the closing of the Community House as a school and the organization of our schools so that there will be only two grades per room.

In closing, may I express my appreciation to the teachers, committee members and citizens for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,

Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I herewith submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending December 31, 1948.

I wish at the very beginning to express my deep gratefulness and appreciation to the Superintendent and School Committee, the teachers and parents, also the students of Boxford for their wholehearted support of the new music program. Their splendid cooperation, loyalty, and enthusiasm all so important toward the building of a vitalized and abundant musical experience for every child is hereby sincerely acknowledged.

Throughout the new music program, singing is made the fundamental basis of music education.

The new music pioneers with an organized five-fold program; singing, rhythmic activities and dancing, listening, instrumental instruction and creative work whereby each child may discover a challenge and an inspiration to pursue the one or more of these experiences offering the greatest interest for his present and life-long happiness. Perception, understanding, and skills are developed as each student participates in these diversified activities throughout the entire course. Each phase of the learning process is presented and motivated through beautiful materials in a manner most appealing and appropriate at succeeding grade levels.

Speaking of beautiful and necessary materials to work with, may we have in Boxford as soon as possible more music books, victrola for the Morse School for Music Appreciation, records, large musical instruments such as string bass and souzaphone, several baritones, and french horns, and drums. The appropriation of necessary funds for these will be greatly appreciated.

All grades and Glee Clubs presented Christmas programs. Work is going on until the Spring towards the presentation of a colorful and spectacular Folk Song and Dance Festival wth instrumentation participating. Folk Festivals are considered this year, the "new look" in school presentations, including the participation of all boys and girls instead of only a few as would perform in an opperetta. The Folk Festival will take place sometime in May.

Band and orchestra are also in the process of organization as a result of the new work now started in instrumental classes and private instruction.

My apprecation, again, for the cordial welcome of this vital program.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDRONIKE MEKELATOS,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Boxford, Massachusetts:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Art for the year ending December, 1948.

During January and February in both Aaron Wood and Morse Schools posters were made. Original pictures for Valentines, Animals, Winter Sports and activities for the Winter were painted or cut out. The Animal Posters were sent in to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Contest and the usual number of prizes were awarded. In the lower grades in January and February orig-

inal illustrations of Winter activities, valentines and figure drawings from stories, songs and poems were crayoned, painted and cut out.

In March, April, May and June throughout the schools lessons were correlated with their studies, Spring activities and holidays. Easter pictures, Mother's Day cards, Nature illustrations and figure drawings.

Special exhibits were held in both schools work being on display for P. T. A. meetings and special programs.

In September, October, November and December illustrations and paintings were outstanding. These were used as borders for the rooms and some were chosen to go in the traveling exhibit. This exhibit of crayon drawings, and watercolors for the Towns of Groveland, Georgetown, Boxford and Rowley has been shown in all grades. This gave the boys and girls a chance to see work from other towns.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER L. OSMAN,

Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools
Town of Boxford:

The general health and physical condition of the pupils at both Boxford schools remained very good throughout 1948. Posture still needs more emphasis. The only marked change in health noted in the fall of 1948 was a decided increase in dental caries in several children at each school. Dental care is of such importance even in grammar school children that it would seem well to suggest that steps be taken to start a dental clinic for the Boxford school children.

Also it would seem desirable to suggest that a tetanus toxoid program be started in the Boxford schools. This is wise in a country town but is not as yet a state sponsored program.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS K. ROGERS, M.D.

School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit my second annual report as school nurse in the town of Boxford.

The annual physical examinations reveal an increasing amount of dental work to be corrected. The need of a dental program becomes increasingly more imperative.

Other defects of a minor nature are always uncovered each year, but they are more easily overcome.

Diphtheria inoculations were given last fall with practically every child being immunized. This is a very essential precaution. There have been no cases of serious contagious diseases.

The usual eye examinations reveal that all children with defective eyesight are receiving proper care.

The cooperation of the teachers is of great importance in carrying out a sound school health program.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BARNARD, R. N.,

School Nurse

BOXFORD PUPILS AT TOPSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SENIORS

Richard Brisbois
George Gamble
Elizabeth Cotton
Peggy Powers

JUNIORS

Nancy Hilyard
Neil Osgood

SOPHOMORES

Marshall Brisbois
Paul Killam
Jane Gamble

FRESHMEN

Nancy Childs
David Killam
Donald Millay
Ronald Shaw
Albert Tagg
Johan Titus
Walter Woodburn

BOXFORD PUPILS AT JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

SENIORS

Constance Chadwick
Judith Chadwick
David Kelley
Jane Leighton
Joan Leighton

JUNIORS

Thomas Eldridge
Robert Hagen

SOPHOMORES

Andrea Eldridge
Virginia Leman
Jack Pearl

FRESHMEN

Roger Chadwick
Helen E. Doucette
Barbara Hook
Charlotte Kelley
Herbert Kelley
Janice Kinne
Raymond LeBel
Nancy Pearl

PUPILS IN OTHER SCHOOLS

Name	Year	School
Joan Chadwick	Senior	Perley High School
James Troop	Sophomore	Perley High School
Joan Lord	Junior	Punchard
Judith Maddock	Freshman	Punchard
Marjorie Walsh	Junior	Punchard
William Walsh	Senior	Punchard

1948 GRADUATES

AARON-WOOD SCHOOL

Nancy Childs
David Killam
Donald Millay
Barbara Norman
Ronald Shaw
Albert Tagg
Johan Titus
Walter Woodburn

GARDNER MORSE SCHOOL

Roger Chadwick
Helen E. Doucette
Barbara Hook
Charlotte Kelley
Herbert Kelley
Janice Kinne
Raymond LeBel
Nancy Pearl

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1948

Morse School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	5	3	6	1	2	1	2	3	23
Girls	6	2	2	2	0	3	5	1	21
Totals	11	5	8	3	2	4	7	4	44

Aaron-Wood School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	1	4	2	4	3	4	4	6	28
Girls	7	12	3	4	6	3	6	4	41
Totals	8	16	5	8	9	7	10	10	69

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16 Inclusive	17-19	Totals
Boys	7	*67	3	77
Girls	12	*73	2	87
Totals	19	*140	5	164

*Includes 7 to 16 not in School or in Private School.

REIMBURSEMENTS ON 1948 ACCOUNT

Mass. School Fund (Part I)	$1022.00
School Transportation	3395.69
High School Tuition	2230.23
Mass. School Fund (Part II)	343.72
Superintendent of Schools	290.00
Tuition of State Wards	946.66
	$8228.30

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET—1949

Administration		
Superintendent's Salary	$750.00	
Transportation	90.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	200.00	
		$1,040.00

Teachers' Salaries		
Regular	$11,000.00	
Special	1,233.00	
Substitutes	275.00	
		12,508.00
Health		
Physician	$150.00	
Nursing Service	300.00	
Supplies	50.00	
		500.00
Tuition		10,500.00
Transportation		5,800.00
Janitors		1,500.00
Attendance Supervisors		20.00
Books & Supplies		750.00
Fuel & Electricity		1,525.00
Telephones		110.00
Maintenance		1,250.00
Insurance		600.00
Total for Schools		$36,103.00
Vocational		300.00
Total for Vocational & Schools		$36,403.00

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS—1949

Chapter 643 Acts of 1948	$5,149.00	
Transportation	3,985.00	
Superintendent of Schools	290.00	
Tuition and Transportation	700.00	
Total Estimated Reimbursements		$10,124.00
Estimated Net Local Cost		$26,279.00

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1948

This is the first Report of a Boxford Finance Committee, and therefore the time to express to the Town our appreciation of the opportunity afforded us to be of service in this capacity. We look upon this assignment not only as one to save the taxpayers money, but also to make suggestions for improvements such as will effect the living conditions in this Town of which we are citizens. With these aims in mind and your support results will be obtained.

Your Finance Committee have examined the Budget as prepared by the Board of Selectmen for the year 1949 in consultation with that Board, and it has our approval. Where it appeared desirable we have held hearings with department heads, and the results of these hearings are commented upon in this Report. Where savings could be effected the amount suggested for 1949 has been reduced from the figures shown for 1948. It is recommended that the appropriation for Town Treasurer be increased to $400.00 to compensate for increased expenses in carrying out the duties of that office. A hearing was held with the Collector of Taxes, Mr. Pearl. Mr. Pearl felt that the vote of the Town, settling his salary at 3% of his collections had not anticipated the rapid increase in Tax Rate which would have made his salary in excess of $1,800.00 for the year 1948, was too generous; he has therefore cut his salary to $1,200.00 for 1948 and has agreed with the Finance Committee to continue his services to the Town for a fixed salary of $1,200.00 per year, which change has provided for in an Article of the Town Meeting Warrant, and its adoption is recommended.

Tree Warden, Moth Superintendent. Mr. Noyes met with this Committee and presented his needs for 1949, his work and its results were discussed at length, the amounts he considered necessary to operate with were approved and appear in the Budget.

School Department. The School Committee presented their budget for 1949. This Department has planned changes in conducting classes and transportation of scholars for the next several years, with which we assume you are familiar.

The School Committee are privileged to submit their budget and the Town MUST furnish the funds accordingly. The Finance Committee may approve, which they have done in this case, but we do feel that there are certain features we should point out to the Town. The Budget for 1949 calls for an increase in appropriation for this department of about $5,000.00, which is quite a jump. As the change in method of conducting the schools does not become effective until September of 1949, the before-mentioned increase does not represent a true picture, and at our request the School Committee estimated what the full annual cost of this new system to the Town will be in 1950, and the estimated result made on a conservative basis, shows an increase over the 1948 Budget of about $8,000.00. At this point we wish to mention that new reimbursement from the Commonwealth to the Town on School Expenditures will benefit the Town to the extent of about $9,000.00 per year, but in our opinion this money should not be looked upon as a gift; we and our fellow citizens of other Towns in the Commonwealth are still paying the bill. In the Town Meeting Warrant will be found an Article authorizing the Selectmen to appoint a Committee to investigate the desirability of a Regional School to serve the upper grades of our educational system. The article meets with the approval of the Finance Committee, and it is our hope that through such a solution we may benefit financially and in education on a more permanent basis.

May we express our thanks to the Town Officials for their courtesy in making information available, and meeting with us in a very cooperative spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

DIMON LOCKWOOD, Chairman
CLARENCE E. BROWN
WALTER K. MORSS

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex, ss.
To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at 5:45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose the follow officers, viz:

Moderator for one year.
Selectman for three years.
Assessor of Taxes for three years.
Treasurer for three years.
Collector of Taxes for one year.
Constable, East Parish, for one year.
Constable, West Parish, for one year.
Highway Surveyor, East Parish, for one year.
Highway Surveyor, West Parish, for one year.
One member of the School Committee for three years.
One member of the Board of Health for three years.
Tree Warden for one year.
One member of the Planning Board for five years.
One member of the Committee on School Funds for life.
The above named officers will be voted upon one ballot.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 5:45 o'clock A.M., and MAY CLOSE AT 12:30 o'clock P.M.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers and Committees.

Article 3. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 4. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate

for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for the improvement of Washington Street; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate $500.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the purpose of improving the ancient graves in Harmony Cemetery.

Article 9. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To appropriate $270.60 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 11. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum not exceed $7,000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1949 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Article 13. To take such action as may be deemed best in regard to making the roads passable when encumbered with snow.

Article 14. To determine when the taxes shall be committed to the Collector, also the manner of collecting same.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $22,500.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,000.00 to be used to gravel and resurface Middleton Road starting at the entrance to the Bird Sanctuary and continuing on towards Middleton. By request of Frank M. Gould and others.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to install an electric street light opposite the residence of C. William Pratt on Main Street, West Boxford.

Article 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $500.00 to surface with oil a section of Bare Hill Road from the residence of J. J. Nolan to the Topsfield line. By request of Roland Melzard and others.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to open the Polls at State and Town elections at 6:45 A.M.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 1948.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes at $1,200.00 per year, or take any other action in the matter.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote by written or secret ballot on any Amendment proposed to the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Boxford.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law with respect to the provisions for landing fields, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see what action the town will take relative to the appointing of a regional high school committee.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for the cleaning and repairing of the water holes now existant for the purpose of extinguishing fires. This money, if voted, is to be spent under the direction and supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department and the Board of Selectmen.

Article 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of February in the year nineteen hundred forty-nine.

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1949

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	700.00
Assessors	1,350.00
Treasurer	400.00
Town Clerk	350.00
Collector of Taxes	1,400.00
Accountant	1,500.00
Registrars	100.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	200.00
Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	150.00
Board of Health	500.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	900.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Essex Sanatorium	752.70
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	400.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Moth Liability appropriation	526.89
Moth Suggested Pest Work appropriation	773.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Public Welfare	600.00
Old Age Assistance	8,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
Veterans' Aid	800.00
Schools	35,603.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,500.00
Chap. 81—Maintenance	2,750.00
Chap. 90—Maintenance	2,600.00
Snow Removal & Sanding	5,000.00
Street Lighting	600.00

Town Halls	1,800.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Clerical	200.00
Morse House	100.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	400.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
School House Loan	2,000.00
Town Reports	500.00
Interest on Loans	100.00

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MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

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OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

Together With the

Report of the School Committee and the

Various Town Officers

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

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In Memoriam

CLARENCE E. BROWN

1884 - 1949

Highway Surveyor, 1912-1916.
Surveyor of Lumber, 1920.
Surveyor of Wood and Bark, 1922-1923.
Deputy Fire Warden, 1916.
Forest Warden, 1917-1934.
Tree Warden, 1913-1914, 1916-1925, 1931-1937.
Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1924-1932.
Member, Town Forest Committee, 1939-1949.
Member, Finance Committee, 1948-1949.

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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1949

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1950
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1951
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1952

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1950
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1951
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1952

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1952

TOWN CLERK

Donald E. Anderson	Term expires 1950
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1950

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William J. Greenler, Jr. (resigned)	Term expires 1950
Helen E. Chadwick	Term expires 1951
James B. Peirce	Term expires 1952
Archibald L. Trull	Appointed Aug. 9, 1949 to March 1950

BOARD OF HEALTH

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1950
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1951
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1952

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French — B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Clayton A. Nelson — Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Clayton A. Nelson

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Albert R. Frost

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst — John T. Chadwick

Harry E. Trask

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley — Term expires 1950

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster — Albert Frost

TRUANT AND ATTENDANT OFFICERS

Archibald Peabody — Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Clarence E. Brown	Term expires 1950
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1951
Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1952
Robert B. Parkhurst	Appointed September 1949

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

SWORN WEIGHERS

William Terravechia — Salvatore Terravechia
John Martino — Frank Crawford

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

Albert R. Gale	Term expires 1950
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1950
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1951
Seth L. Kelsey	Term expires 1951
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1952
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1953
E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1954

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Norman M. Marshall

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Clarence E. Brown	Term expires 1950
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1951
Thomas Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1952
Dimon Lockwood	Appointed September 1949

APPEAL BOARD

Richard Spofford	Term expires 1950
Arthur P. Phillips (resigned)	Term expires 1951
Alfred K. Nason	Term expires 1952
Winthrop P. Haynes	Appointed May 3, 1949

ALTERNATES

Philip Spofford	Term expires 1950
Paul Killam	Term expires 1951
Burton Shaw	Term expires 1952

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

SPECIAL POLICE

Walter H. Gamans, Jr. Clinton E. French

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

LIST OF JURORS—1949-1950

Butler, Howard F., poultryman, Georgetown Road, Boxford
Cargill, William R., Broker, Main Street, Boxford
Gillis, Allen, laborer, Elm Street, Boxford
Gray, James P., laborer, Topsfield Road, Boxford
Greenler, William J., veterinarian, Highland Road, West Boxford
Hopping, George F. W., painter, Highland Road, West Boxford
Killam, Dana F., farmer, Endicott Road, Boxford

Leighton, Chester A., machinist, Washington Street, West Boxford
Lyon, Avard P., carpenter, Ipswich Road, West Boxford
McGregor, Arthur T., telephone employee, Main Street, West Boxford
Morss, Stanwood R., fruit specialist, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
Peabody, Archibald, caretaker, Lawrence Road, Boxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

At the Annual Town Meeting held in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Monday, March 7, 1949, the following business was transacted, viz.:—

The polls were opened at 5:45 A.M. o'clock and closed at 12:30 P.M.

The number of votes cast was 406.
And the following persons were declared elected:
William J. Greenler, Jr., Moderator for one year.
Raymond Perley, Selectman for three years.
Lucy K. Parkhurst, Treasurer for three years.
Simeon S. Pearl, Collector of Taxes for one year.
Harry L. Cole, Assessor of Taxes for three years.
James B. Peirce, School Committee for three years.
Raymond Perley, Board of Health for three years.
Clinton E. French, Surveyor of Highways, East Parish for one year.

B. Robert Cunningham, Surveyor of Highways, West Parish for one year.

Alerson E. Noyes, Tree Warden for one year.
Nathaniel N. Love, Jr., Constable, East Parish for one year.

Clayton A. Nelson, Constable, West Parish for one year.
E. Laurence Colby, Planning Board for five years.
Harry E. Trask, Committee on School Funds for life.

Article 2. Voted to pass over this article without action.

Article 3. Voted to accept report of Planning Board as printed. To accept report of School Committee as printed, and all other reports of Town Officers as they appear in the Annual Town Report for 1948.

Article 4. Motion made and seconded to adopt the budget subject to any amendments as printed.

Amendments to increase Tax Collector from $1400 to $1500—Voted.

Amendment to decrease Planning Board from $200 to $100—Voted no.

Amendment to decrease Moth suggested Pest Work from $773 to $300 and increase the Moth Liability Appropriation from $526.89 to $1000.

Voted Moth Suggested Pest Work $300.

Voted Moth Liability appropriation $1000.

Voted to accept recommendation of Finance Committee that the School appropriation be increased from $35,603 to $36,103, an increase of $500.

Voted to adopt the Budget as amended.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2500.00 for the improvement of Washington Street; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate $500.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the purpose of improving the ancient graves in Harmony Cemetery.

Article 9. Voted that the Town pay for labor in the

various departments be the same as last year, namely, $1.00 per hour.

Article 10. Voted to appropriate $270.60 refunded from the county on account of dog licenses be divided equally between the two libraries.

Article 11. Voted to allow bills of charge as follows:

To raise and appropriate the sum of $301.00 for the land damage in reconstruction of Washington Street to the following: David A. Anderson, Donald E. Anderson, Ruth E. Anderson, Joint Tenants, $50.00; Walter H. Gamans, Jr., & Julia R. Gamans, Joint Tenants, $250.00; Katherine R. Dick & William H. Dick, Joint Tenants, $1.00; Total $301.00.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $23.00 to Fairlawn Animal Hospital—services and medicine to Heifer of Dana Killam.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to Porter H. Peabody for loss of goat presumably poisoned by spraying.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed $7000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1949 Tax Levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

Article 13. Voted to pass over this article without action.

Article 14. Voted that the mater of committing the Taxes to the Collector and the manner of collecting the same be left with the assessors (same as last year).

Article 15. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue a note or notes therefor paying within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one

year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of same.

Article 17. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $22,500.00 to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, and any other highway relocations, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate $1000.00 to be used to gravel and resurface Middleton Road starting at the entrance to the Bird Sanctuary and continuing on towards Middleton.

Article 19. Voted to install an electric street light opposite the residence of C. William Pratt on Main Street, West Boxford. Yes 90, No 48.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate $500.00 to surface with oil a section of Bare Hill Road from the residence of J. J. Nolan to the Topsfield line. Yes 72, No 42.

Article 21. Rejected to have the polls open at 6:45 A.M. for State and Town elections. Time to remain the same, namely 5:45 A.M.

Article 22. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 1948.

Article 23. Voted to fix the salary of the Collector of Taxes at $1200.00 per year.

Article 24. Voted Re. secret ballot on any amendment proposed to the zoning By-laws of Boxford—to pass over without action. Yes 90, No 66.

Article 25. Rejected to amend the Zoning By-laws with respect to the provisions for landing fields. Yes 23, No 108.

Article 26. Voted that a committee be appointed by the

Selectmen, consisting of one member from the Board of Selectmen, and the Selectmen were authorized to contact the following committees, namely, School Committee, Finance Committee, Planning Board, who were to appoint a member to represent them on this Committee, and the Selectmen were to appoint a parent from each end of town to act with the above to serve as a Regional High School Committee.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for the cleaning and repairing of the water holes now existent for the purpose of extinguishing fires. This money to be spent under the direction and supervision of the Chief of the Fire Dept. and the Board of Selectmen.

Article 28. Voted to dissolve the meeting at 4:50 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At a special town meeting held in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on June 29, 1949, the following record was made:

Article 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of $2500.00 for the purpose of renovating and improving the heating system at the Aaron Wood School. Yes 58, No 27.

Article 2. Voted not to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the removal of poison ivy from the roadsides.

Article 3. Voted that a committee be appointed consisting of the Chairmen of the following boards, namely, Selectmen, Assessors, Finance, School and Planning to choose a Town Counsel with the approval of the Selectmen. Voted Yes 42, No 26.

Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed $500.00 for Town Counsel.

Article 4. Voted to accept the changes in the Zoning By-Laws. Yes 85, No 0.

Article 5. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to

call the newly appointed Regional High School Committee together to have them organize.

Voted to adjourn at 9:50 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At a special town meeting held August 11, 1949, the following record was made:

Article 1. A written motion was presented by Harold Galloway which the Moderator read as follows:

> "I move that the vote on this question be taken by 'Australian Ballot' and that the check list be used, the balloting to take place on August 27, 1949, and the polls to be opened from 12 noon to 8 o'clock P.M."

This motion was seconded.

A hand vote was taken. Yes 118, No 159.

Vote was challenged.

A second vote was taken by Secret Yes and No Ballot with use of check list. Yes 129, No 192.

Motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 1 without action. Yes 130, No ——.

Article 2. Voted to pass over without action.

Article 3. Voted to pass over without action.

Article 4. Voted to pass over without action.

Article 5. Voted to pass over without action.

Voted to dissolve at 10.05 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

At a special town meeting held November 7, 1949, the following record was made:

Article 1. Voted to transfer to the 1949 School account the following sums of money:

From Vocational Education	$250.00
Veteran's Benefits	300.00
Public Grounds	75.00
Balance of 1948 School account	393.89
	$1018.89

Article 2. Voted to transfer to the 1949 Aid to Dependent Children account the following sums of money:

From Morse House appropriation	$62.50
Interest on loans	70.00
Town reports	67.50
Total transfers	$200.00

Article 3. Voted to transfer from the Board of Health account the sum of $100.00 for use of the Boxford Regional High School Committee.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $50.00 to meet the increased state allotment for highways under Chapter 81, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 5. Resolved that the Town of Boxford protest of having Route 1 changed to pass through this town, because of detriment to all concerned and very questionable benefit to the state. 19 favored, 40 opposed.

Article 6. Voted to dissolve meeting at 9.30 P.M.

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	*Name*	*Parents' Names*
1948		
Oct. 28	—Stecker	Ray J. Stecker Mathilde (Ros)
Dec. 24	Steven Walter Reed	Henry W. Reed Stella K. (MacKenzie)
1949		
Jan. 21	Stephen Douglas Love	Nathaniel N. Love Jr. Anne (Moors)

Feb. 16	Kathleen Hilda Blaisdell	Ralph Wilfred Blaisdell Margaret Bertha (Costa)
Feb. 20	David McAllister Peirce	James B. Peirce Anne M. (Means)
Apr. 1	Janice Gail Hopping	Richard G. Hopping Edith O. (Murken)
Apr. 9	David Frederick Benson	John Robert Benson Ruby W. (Cochrane)
May 13	Diane Cheryl Waters	David S. Waters Dorothy E. (Chase)
June 14	Pamela Jean Fowler	Malcolm Fowler Winifred (Cheney)
July 17	Sharon Anne Sperry	Herbert S. Sperry Anne G. (Morlani)
Sept. 28	—Palmer	Stephen Palmer Velma (Spencer)
Oct. 17	Margaret Rene Melvin	Leonard J. Melvin Rose (Stevenson)
Oct. 30	Brenda Hamilton	Roger A. Hamilton Martha E. (Mortimer)
Nov. 4	Joseph Kolodziej	Peter Kolodziej Mary (Muciezenki)
Dec. 21	Leila Lambert	Horace D. Lambert, Jr. Nancy (Dodge)
Dec. 24	Christine Carol Fulton	Robert O. Fulton Shirley J. (Palm)

DEATHS

Date	*Name*	*Age*		
1949		Yr.	M.	D.
Jan. 9	David Albert Anderson	81	1	23
Feb. 16	Pamela J. Blancher	0	2	2
May 11	Carl Sinclitico	27	11	—
July 7	Annie D. Hussey	94	3	—
July 14	Edgar P. Rogers	71	1	2
July 15	Gertrude F. Chadwick Parkhurst	82	7	6
July 28	Clara Newton Kimball	90	—	—
Aug. 28	Robert Benson	81	11	6
Sept. 11	Clarence E. Brown	65	0	11
Sept. 29	—Palmer	—	—	—
Nov. 7	Glennie C. Fielding	49	8	27
Dec. 2	Alexander Lawrence Bain	48	6	6

MARRIAGES

Date 1949	*Names*	*Residence*
May 14	Robert S. Weatherbee Jr.	West Boxford
	Janette C. Johnson	Stoneham
May 27	Raymond Gamble	Boxford
	Frances Carlene Croft	Lynn
June 15	Eddy L. Pulfrey	Darien, Wisconsin
	Celia Anne Gilcreast McGregor	West Boxford
June 18	James P. Gray, Jr.	Boxford
	Grace V. Link	Boxford
June 26	Lawrence Andrew Blake, Jr.	Georgetown
	Joan Alberta Chadwick	West Boxford
July 23	William Russell Burns, Jr.	Salem
	Marianne Savage	Boxford
Oct. 1	Robert Perley Parkhurst	Boxford
	Arlene May Parkinson	Beverly
Oct. 1	Richard A. Spofford	West Boxford
	Dorothea L. Munson	Lawrence
Oct. 7	Robert James Stewart, Jr.	Boxford
	Marie Anne Perron Tetreault	Boxford
Oct. 15	Herbert W. Sperry	West Boxford
	Georgia Metcalfe Burke	Danvers
Nov. 23	Ralph A. Von Kamecke	Boxford
	Elizabeth A. McGuirk	Fitchburg
Nov. 26	Richard Ayers Millen	Boxford
	Marian Nancy McClure	Beverly

DOG LICENSES FOR 1949

99 Males at $2.00 each	$198.00
27 Females at $5.00 each	135.00
32 Spayed Females at $2.00 each	64.00
3 Kennels at $25.00 each	$75.00
1 —1948 license	2.00
	$474.00
161 Fees at .20 each	32.20
Paid Town Treasurer	$441.80

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR 1949

10	Fishing Licenses at $2.00 each	$20.00
14	Hunting Licenses at $2.00 each	28.00
9	Sporting Licenses at $3.25 each	29.25
5	Minor Fishing Licenses at $1.25 each	6.25
1	Minor Trapping License at $2.25 each	2.25
1	—3 day Fishing License at $1.50	1.50
1	Non Resident Citizen Fishing License at $5.25	5.25
1	Resident Citizens Sporting & Trapping License Free	
		$92.50
	41 Fees at $.25 each	10.25
	Paid Division of Fisheries & Game	$82.25

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. ANDERSON
Town Clerk

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operatng costs of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year was	$124,521.82
Other expenses for the year were:	
Veterans' Service	100.00
State Parks and Reservations	85.01
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	265.22
County Tax	2,949.25
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	708.82
Contributory Retirement Assessment	875.00
Overlay for 1949	1,777.03
	$131,282.15
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated at	69,453.41
Deducting the expected revenue from total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	$61,828.74
The Poll Tax—323—yielded	646.00

In order to collect the balance of $61,182.74 called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was assigned a value for assessment purposes. Those assessments were as follows:

Personal Estate	$208,837.00
Real Estate—buildings and land	1,247,895.00
Giving a total valuation of	$1,456,732.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $42.00, which made a tax on personal property of $8,771.15 and on real estate $52,411.59.

The Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on 598 vehicles valued at $268,470.00 at the state-wide rate of $41.32 yielded $8,509.23.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WARREN CHADWICK
HARRY E. TRASK
HARRY L. COLE
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1949

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector:		
Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$43,431.15	
Personal Property	7,664.45	
Poll	556.00	
Classified Forest Land	148.30	
		$51,799.90
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$7,740.67	
Personal Property	679.30	
Poll	8.00	
Classified Forest Land	33.06	
Moth	3.00	
		8,464.03
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1948	$713.09	
Levy of 1949	6,480.32	
		7,193.41
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$10,043.74	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,300.00	
Chap. 90 Construction	13,706.95	
		25,050.69
For Education:		
High School Tuition	$2,230.23	
Superintendent, Small Towns	290.03	
Department of Education	4,087.75	
Tuition, State Children	1,094.96	
		7,702.97
For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$11,266.34	
Corporation Taxes	4,908.62	
Loss of Taxes	527.70	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	305.30	
Snow Removal	8.00	

Animal Inspection	25.00	
Forestry Department	50.00	
		17,090.96
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$5,977.31	
Old Age Assist., U. S. Grant	6,662.99	
Old Age Assist., Admin., U. S. Grant	343.69	
Aid to Dependent Children	944.90	
Aid to Dep. Child., U. S. Grant	684.00	
Aid to Dep. Child., Admin., U. S. Grant	39.81	
Veterans' Benefits	85.36	
		14,738.06
County of Essex:		
Chap. 90 Construction	$4,893.05	
Dog License Refund	270.60	
		5,163.65
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Interest on School Funds	$100.00	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	77.93	
West Parish	67.88	
J. T. Barker School Fund	650.00	
		895.81
Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$310.55	
Forest Warden	107.10	
Highway	78.41	
Police	4.20	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	5.80	
		506.06
Licenses and Permits:		
Dog	$439.40	
Slaughter	400.00	
Building	29.00	
Revolver	8.00	
Junk	7.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	3.50	
Used Car Dealer	2.00	

Recreational Camp	2.50	
Lord's Day	1.00	
		897.40
Unclassified:		
Frost property	$300.00	
Land rent	10.00	
Interest on Taxes	322.64	
Tax Costs	16.55	
Withholding Tax Deductions	1,792.88	
Rent of Town Halls	183.50	
Rent of Morse House	32.00	
Departmental refunds	10.70	
All other	1.53	
		2,669.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$142,172.74

EXPENDITURES FOR 1949

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$1,005.87	
Board of Public Welfare	607.01	
Assessors	1,203.45	
Treasurer	371.30	
Town Clerk	287.97	
Accountant	1,436.32	
Tax Collector	1,416.91	
Registrars	93.20	
Elections	111.57	
Planning Board	85.02	
Appeal Board	111.14	
Building Inspector	192.70	
Finance Committee	302.16	
Regional High School Committee	8.80	
Board of Health	295.16	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	882.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$8,460.58

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Dog officer	$50.00	
Police	512.92	
Deputy Game Warden	50.00	
Forest Warden	1,493.64	
Fire Warden	994.07	
Tree Warden	490.95	
Moth Suppression & Pest Control	988.36	
		4,579.94

AID AND RELIEF

Public Welfare	$591.92	
Old Age Assistance	8,500.00	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	6,521.50	
Old Age Assist., Admin., U. S. Grant	173.38	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,200.00	
Aid to Dep. Child., U. S. Grant	644.25	
Veterans' Benefits	292.23	
		18,923.28

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$37,122.94	
School Department (1948 Acct.)	141.45	
J. T. Barker Fund	39.75	
Vocational Education	8.40	
East Parish Library	413.23	
West Parish Library	403.18	
		38,128.95

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 90 Construction, Washington St.	$19,922.95	
Chap. 81 Maintenance	16,215.35	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	3,900.00	
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,468.80	
Bare Hill Road	489.60	
Middleton Road	979.20	
Road Machinery Maintenance	997.43	
Street Lighting	594.61	
Snow Removal and Sanding	4,982.44	
		$49,550.38

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	$1,254.93	
Public Grounds	77.00	
Insurance	1,417.02	
Town Forest	195.48	
Harmony Cemetery	93.75	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Soldiers' Graves	230.25	
Memorial Day	200.00	
Contingent Fund	397.56	
Clerical	200.00	
Withholding Tax Deductions	1,792.88	
Water Holes	134.50	
Town Reports	432.50	
Interest on Loans	30.00	
Schoolhouse Loan	2,000.00	
Essex Sanatorium	752.70	
Veterans' Service	100.00	
State Parks & Reservations	105.77	
County Tax	3,243.33	
State Audit	5.28	
County Retirement System	875.00	
Real Estate Tax Refunds	16.80	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	163.45	
Dog Licenses to County	425.60	
Land Taking—Chap. 90 Const.	301.00	
Damages from Spraying	123.00	
		14,617.80
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$134,260.93

Balance to revenue	63.68	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Registrars

$100.00

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1949

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$1,050.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$975.00	
Office Supplies	11.87	
State & County Association Dues	19.00	
Total expenditures	$1,005.87	
Balance to revenue	44.13	
	$1,050.00	$1,050.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$700.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$475.00	
Clerical	114.00	
Office supplies	18.01	
Total expenditures	$607.01	
Balance to revenue	92.99	
	$700.00	$700.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$1,350.00
Salaries, Assessors	$950.00	
Clerical	175.00	
Office supplies	72.45	
Assessors' Association dues	6.00	
Total expenditures	$1,203.45	
Balance to revenue	146.55	
	$1,350.00	$1,350.00

Total expenditures	$302.16	
Balance to revenue	47.84	
	$350.00	$350.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$100.00
Transfer from Reserve		50.00
Advertising	$62.14	
Legal services	45.00	
Supplies	4.00	
Total expenditures	$111.14	
Balance to revenue	38.86	
	$150.00	$150.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$200.00
Services, Building Inspector	$135.00	
Legal services	42.35	
Office expense	15.35	
Total expenditures	$192.70	
Balance to revenue	7.30	
	$200.00	$200.00

Regional High School Committee

Transfer from Board of Health account		$100.00
Committee expense	$8.80	
Balance to revenue	91.20	
	$100.00	$100.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$500.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$70.00	
Supplies and postage	14.66	
Maintenance of dump	210.50	
Total expenditures	$295.16	

Transfer to Regional High School Comm.	100.00	
Balance to revenue	104.84	
	$500.00	$500.00

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital

Appropriation		$752.70
County Assessment, Essex Sanitorium	$752.70	
	$752.70	$752.70

Inspectors of Animals and Slaughtering

Appropriation		$950.00
Salaries:		
Inspectors of Slaughtering	$882.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
Total expenditures	$932.00	
Balance to revenue	18.00	
	$950.00	$950.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$400.00
Transfers from Reserve		103.27
Refund on telephone		9.65
Service, Police officers	$346.01	
Supplies	32.27	
Telephone	134.64	
	$512.92	$512.92

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Deputy Game Warden

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Deputy Game Warden	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Janitor service	$100.00	
Labor	332.25	
Masks	307.72	
Fuel	119.33	
Supplies	74.22	
Repairs	38.15	
Telephone	13.40	
Dues and subscription	9.00	
Total expenditures	$994.07	
Balance to revenue	5.93	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salary, Forest Warden	$132.00	
Labor	256.00	
Hose	307.63	
Janitor service	200.00	
Telephones	246.94	
Supplies	263.14	
Repairs	55.80	
Fuel	32.13	
Total expenditures	$1,493.64	
Balance to revenue	6.36	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$500.00
Labor	$338.00	
Trucks	83.00	
Signs	13.50	
Trimming and cutting large elms	52.70	
Supplies	3.75	
Total expenditures	$490.95	

Balance to revenue	9.05	
	$500.00	$500.00

Moth Suppression and Pest Control

Appropriation—Moth		$1,000.00
Appropriation—Pest Control		300.00
Spraying—Pest Control	$288.00	
Labor	541.00	
Trucks	102.00	
Signs	15.00	
Gasoline and Oil	15.39	
Repairs	26.97	
Total expenditures	$988.36	
Balance to revenue	311.64	
	$1,300.00	$1,300.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$600.00
Cash	$364.00	
Food	99.43	
Fuel	35.05	
Clothing	56.69	
Medical	36.75	
Total expenditures	$591.92	
Balance to revenue	8.08	
	$600.00	$600.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$8,500.00
Cash	$8,440.50	
Other Towns	59.50	
	$8,500.00	$8,500.00

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1948		$3,435.59
Federal Grants		6,662.99
Cash	$6,521.50	
Balance to 1950	3,577.08	
	$10,098.58	$10,098.58

Old Age Assistance—Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1948		$142.07
Federal Grants		343.69
Clerical	$172.00	
Office supplies	1.38	
Total expenditures	$173.38	
Balance to 1950	312.38	
	$485.76	$485.76

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Transfer from Morse House account		62.50
Transfer from Interest on Loans account		70.00
Transfer from Town Report account		67.50
Cash	$2,200.00	
	$2,200.00	$2,200.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1948		$225.24
Federal Grants		684.00
Cash	$644.25	
Balance to 1950	264.99	
	$909.24	$909.24

Aid to Dependent Children, Admin., U. S. Grant

Balance from 1948		$2.23
Federal Grants		39.81
Balance to 1950	$42.04	
	$42.04	$42.04

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$800.00
Cash	$192.23	
Hospitalization	100.00	
Total expenditures	292.23	
Transfer to School account	300.00	
Balance to revenue	207.77	
	$800.00	$800.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Labor	$347.00	
Trucks	338.75	
Bulldozer	151.50	
Shovel	160.00	
Use of town tools	31.20	
Oil	304.87	
Sand and Gravel	138.71	
Signs	10.72	
Calcium Chloride	17.25	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,750.00
State allotment		13,750.00
Labor	$6,234.50	
Trucks	1,752.25	
Use of town tools	284.65	
Oil	5,996.88	
Sand and Gravel	1,813.70	
Roller	40.80	
Guard rail and posts	305.17	
Frame and grate	44.00	
Tools	16.05	
Signs	12.00	
	$16,500.00	$16,500.00

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,600.00
State allotment		1,300.00
Labor	$1,240.00	
Trucks	167.50	
Roller	367.20	
Oil	628.80	
Stone	1,496.50	
	$3,900.00	$3,900.00

Middleton Road

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$274.00	
Trucks	224.75	
Use of town tools	20.80	
Bulldozer	16.00	
Shovel	128.00	
Roller	40.80	
Grader	40.80	
Sand and Gravel	154.37	
Oil	100.48	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Bare Hill Road

Appropriation		$500.00
Labor	$93.00	
Trucks	105.75	
Use of town tools	10.40	
Bulldozer	8.00	
Shovel	64.00	
Roller	61.20	
Grader	40.80	
Sand and Gravel	55.77	
Oil	61.08	
	$500.00	$500.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Washington Street

Balance from 1948	$9,922.95
Appropriation	2,500.00

State allotment		5,000.00
County allotment		2,500.00
Labor	$3,662.50	
Trucks	1,081.15	
Shovel	916.00	
Roller	300.50	
Grader	910.00	
Bulldozer	389.00	
Tractor	238.00	
Blasting	2,251.74	
Oil	6,863.05	
Sand and Gravel	1,988.56	
Guard rail	669.00	
Pipe	348.65	
Catch basins	265.10	
All other	39.70	
	$19,922.95	$19,922.95

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$5,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		87.64
Labor	$2,080.00	
Trucks	908.25	
Trucks and plows	552.00	
Use of town tools	105.20	
Repairs	545.08	
Sand	580.61	
Salt	309.50	
Fuel	7.00	
	$5,087.64	$5,087.64

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriated from Road Machinery Fund		$1,000.00
Labor	$380.00	
Trucks	20.75	
Gasoline and oil	93.04	
Repairs	282.32	
Fuel and light	68.23	
Tools	127.47	

Storage	15.00	
Telephone	10.62	
Total expenditures	$997.43	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	2.57	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$600.00
Street lights	$594.61	
Balance to revenue	5.39	
	$600.00	$600.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$36,103.00
Transfer from Vocational Education		250.00
Transfer from Veterans' Benefits		300.00
Transfer from 1948 School account balance		393.89
Transfer from Public Grounds		75.00
Refund		1.05
Teachers' Salaries:		
Morse School	$4,944.50	
Aaron Wood School	5,883.32	
Special teachers	1,168.28	
Substitutes	80.00	
	12076.10	
Superintendence:		
Salary	698.70	
Clerk	168.48	
Expense	117.50	
Health:		
Nurse	300.00	
Physician	210.00	
Tuition	9,107.86	
Transportation	6,022.75	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	1,139.84	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Books	503.97	
	503.97	
	821.07	
	1325.04	

Supplies	821.07	
Fuel	935.89	
Light	363.40	
Telephones	119.92	
Repairs	3,895.46	
Insurance	600.00	
Grounds	12.00	
Use of Perley High School Auditorium	10.00	
	$37,122.94	$37,122.94

School—1948 Account

Balance from 1948		$535.34
Fuel	$134.25	
Telephone	7.10	
Supplies	.10	
Total expenditures	$141.45	
Balance transferred to 1949 account	393.89	
	$535.34	$535.34

J. T. Barker Fund

Interest received from Trustees		$650.00
Tuition, North Andover	$39.75	
Balance to 1950	610.25	
	$650.00	$650.00

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$300.00
Tuition	$8.40	
Transfer to School account	250.00	
Balance to revenue	41.60	
	$300.00	$300.00

East Parish Library

Appropriation	$200.00

Half dog license refund from County		135.30
Interest from Library funds		77.93
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$413.23	
	$413.23	$413.23

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license refund from County		135.30
Interest from Library funds		67.88
Books	$94.94	
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	308.24	
	$403.18	$403.18

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$1,800.00
Janitors	$480.90	
Fuel & Light	395.53	
Telephone	117.23	
Repairs	115.47	
Emergency Lights—Lincoln Hall	138.00	
Removal of ashes, etc.	7.80	
Total expenditures	$1,254.93	
Balance to revenue	545.07	
	$1,800.00	$1,800.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$200.00
Labor	$159.00	
Supervision, use of tools, etc.	20.00	
Inspection, N. E. Forestry Foundation	16.48	
Total expenditures	$195.48	
Balance to revenue	4.52	
	$200.00	$200.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$250.00
Labor	$47.00	
Truck	6.00	
Mowing commons	24.00	
Total expenditures	$77.00	
Transfer to School account	75.00	
Balance to revenue	98.00	
	$250.00	$250.00

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$225.00
Transfer from Reserve		5.25
East Parish Cemeteries (3)	$130.25	
West Parish Cemeteries (2)	100.00	
	$230.25	$230.25

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$200.00
Labor and materials	93.75	
Balance to revenue	106.25	
	$200.00	$200.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$200.00
Music	$125.00	
Repairs & painting flag pole	36.21	
Flags	16.00	
Refreshments	16.79	
Ammunition	6.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Water Holes

Appropriation		$300.00
Labor	$99.00	
Trucks	19.50	
Shovel	16.00	
Total expenditures	$134.50	
Balance to revenue	165.50	
	$300.00	$300.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$1,200.00
Transfer from Reserve		250.00
Insurance Policies:		
Fire	$105.14	
Compensation	685.89	
Liability	412.03	
Volunteer Firemen	146.25	
Fire & Theft, Motor Vehicles	48.65	
Honor Roll	19.06	
Total expenditures	$1,417.02	
Balance to revenue	32.98	
	$1,450.00	$1,450.00

Interest on Loans

Appropriation		$100.00
Interest on Schoolhouse loan	$30.00	
Transfer to Aid to Dependent Children	70.00	
	$100.00	$100.00

Clerical Account

Appropriation		$200.00
Clerical (all depts.)	200.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Town Reports

Appropriation	$500.00

Town Reports	$432.50	
Transfer to Aid to Dependent Children	67.50	
	$500.00	$500.00

Morse House

Appropriation		$100.00
Transfer to Aid to Dependent Children	62.50	
Balance to revenue	37.50	
	$100.00	$100.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$400.00
Town Counsel	$250.00	
Community House maintenance	56.23	
Highway Dept.	91.33	
Total expenditures	$397.56	
Balance to revenue	2.44	
	$400.00	$400.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$500.00
Transfer to Soldiers' Graves	$5.25	
Transfer to Insurance	250.00	
Transfer to Police	103.27	
Transfer to Appeal Board	50.00	
Transfer to Snow Removal	87.64	
Total transfers	$496.16	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	3.84	
	$500.00	$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1949 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1949		$33,230.39
S. S. Pearl, Tax Collector	$67,796.53	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	25,050.69	
Education	7,702.97	
Taxes	17,007.96	
Old Age Assist., grants & refunds	12,983.99	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants & refunds	1,668.71	
Veterans' Benefits refund	85.36	
Animal Inspection refund	25.00	
Forestry Department refund	50.00	
Snow removal, Rts. 97 & 133	8.00	
County of Essex:		
Highways	4,893.05	
Dog License refund	270.60	
Trust Funds, income	895.81	
Departmental receipts	506.06	
Licenses and permits	897.40	
Rents from town property	225.50	
Frost property	300.00	
Withholding Tax account	1,792.88	
Departmental refunds	10.70	
All other	1.53	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		142,172.74
		$175,403.13
Disbursements:		
Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen		134,260.93
Balance December 31, 1949		$41,142.20

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements see report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $13,650.00:

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$6,500.00
7,150 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2⅞'s 60/55	7,150.00
	$13,650.00

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$5,414.36
Interest for the year 1949	136.21
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$5,550.57

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$104.66
Interest for the year 1949	2.09
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$106.75
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$8,463.19
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	368.06
Savings Bank interest for 1949	213.66
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$9,044.91

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank are United States Treasury Bonds as follows:

$2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds reg. 2½'s 69/64	$2,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 2½'s 71/66	3,000.00
2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds 1½'s 50/45	2,000.00
	$7,000.00

Interest from these bonds is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$664.17
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	155.00
Savings Bank interest for 1949	17.05
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$836.22

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$256.09
Interest for the year 1949	6.44
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$262.53

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$2,000.00
Interest for the year 1949	40.20
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$2,040.20

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$2,000.00
Interest for 1949	40.20
	$2,040.20
Withdrawn	40.20
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$2,000.00

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$1,500.00
Interest for 1949	37.73
	$1,537.73

Withdrawn	37.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$1,500.00
Interest for 1949	30.15
	$1,530.15
Withdrawn	30.15
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1949	$1,500.00
Interest for 1949	37.73
	$1,537.73
Withdrawn	37.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$1,500.00

BOXFORD VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$823.42
Interest for 1949	20.70
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$844.12

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	$1,165.41
Interest for 1949	21.94
Balance Jan. 1, 1950	$1,187.35

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1949

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 11474	$1,000.00

Danvers Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of Fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above Fund has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$25.00
Danvers Savings Bank	50.00
Salem Savings Bank	25.00
Total	$100.00

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. PARKHURST
JOHN T. CHADWICK
HARRY E. TRASK
Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
LUCY K. PARKHURST
Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1947

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1949	$3,382.76	
Interest and costs collected	212.80	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$2,997.01
Personal Property		322.72
Classified Forest Land		4.08
Moth		3.00
Interest and costs		212.80
Abatements:		
Classified Forest Land		3.74
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1950		52.21
	$3,595.56	$3,595.56

TAXES—1948

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1949	$10,940.76	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	33.03	
Interest and costs collected	117.20	
Audit adjustment	142.80	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$8.00
Real Estate		4,743.66
Personal Property		356.58
Classified Forest Land		28.98
Motor Vehicle Excise		713.09
Interest and costs		117.20
Abatements:		
Poll		4.00
Real Estate		2.10
Motor Vehicle Excise		103.02
Transfer to Tax Title account		3.15
Audit Adjustment		142.80
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1950		5,011.21
	$11,233.79	$11,233.79

TAXES—1949

Real Estate Commitment	$52,411.59	
Personal Property Commitment	8,771.15	
Poll Tax Commitment	646.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	8,509.23	
Classified Forest Land Assessment	173.08	
Interest and costs collected	9.19	
Real Estate tax refunds	16.80	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	130.42	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$556.00
Real Estate		43,431.15
Personal Property		7,664.45
Classified Forest Land		148.30
Motor Vehicle Excise		6,480.32
Interest and costs		9.19

Abatements:		
Poll		54.00
Real Estate		635.53
Motor Vehicle Excise		365.50
Transfer to Tax Title account		3.15
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1950		11,319.87
	$70,667.46	$70,667.46

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$51,171.82
Personal Property	8,343.75
Poll	564.00
Classified Forest Land	181.36
Moth	3.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	7,193.41
Interest and Costs	339.19
Paid to Treasurer	$67,796.53

Respectfully submitted,
SIMEON S. PEARL,
Collector

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

In compliance with the By-laws of the Town, the Selectmen present the following report for the year ending December 31, 1949:

Under highways the amount of Chapter 81 Maintenance contributed by the State was $13,750.00, an increase of $1,375.00 over 1948, and the town appropriated $2,750.00. The total of $16,500.00 was spent under the supervision of the State Department of Public Works. Under the Chapter 90 Maintenance contract the town raised $2,600.00 and the State contributed $1,300.00. This $3,900.00 was used to stone surface Willow Road, State Route 133, and Killam Hill Road, State Route 97.

The Chapter 90 Construction project on Washington

Street was continued with $9,922.95 available from 1948 and $10,000.00 from the 1949 contract, of which $2,500.00 was appropriated by the town, $2,500.00 contributed by the County and $5,000.00 by the State.

Emergency exit lights were installed in Lincoln Hall at a cost of $138.00.

In the spring two rooms in the Town Hall were redecorated and in the fall new window cord was installed in nearly all the windows and several lights of glass were replaced; also the tin roofs were painted. Several attempts were made to interest town labor in painting the exterior of th Hall, but with no success. It is hoped that this painting may be accomplished in 1950.

Respecfully submitted,

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
HARRY L. COLE
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is very happy to state that some of the serious problems facing it a year ago have dissolved and zoning has become an accepted institution. At that time there was dissatisfaction with the working of the by-law. Some groups blamed the Planning Board for too strict a law, some blamed the Board of Appeals for following the law too inflexibly, and some felt the Building Inspector assumed too much authority.

The Planning Board invited the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Appeals, and the Building Inspector to meet with them for a frank discussion of the by-law; and a committee consisting of Franklin Roberts, Richard Spofford, Burton Shaw, Vernon Childs, Seth Kelsey, and Laurence Colby was appointed to review the ordinance and make whatever changes seemed necessary to make it function more satisfactorily. These men, who represented different shades of opinion in the town, drew up a set of amendments, most of which clarified the rights of the citizens in the residental zone. After a bitter and stormy hearing the amendments

were passed unanimously at a special town meeting in June.

In August a special town meeting was held with Article I of the warrant pertaining to the repeal or rescission of the zoning by-law. A tremendous amount of interest was aroused, and an overwhelming majority voted to retain the zoning.

The Planning Board also participated in another special town meeting later in the year. Mr. John McCloskey of the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Works was invited by Mr. Seth Kelsey to give the voters of the town a description of the proposed new highway through the eastern edge of the town and to answer any questions which might arise. Most of the members of the Planning Board felt that the highway was inevitable and that the town might as well accept the road gracefully. This attitude was reflected by a majority of those present. Mr. Kelsey has acted as liaison man between Boxford residents on the proposed highway and Mr. McCloskey. Through Mr. Kelsey's efforts some sources of irritation have been removed.

The most serious problem facing the Planning Board and the town at the present time is the school situation. The School Committee forecasts for the next few years show that our present school plant will soon be inadequate, and several meetings of the two boards have been held to discuss solutions. It is apparent that the taxpayers of the town must pay a large sum of money to fill our educational needs of the future. We have a choice between expensive additions to our present buildings, or a more expensive plan of new construction which would provide better educational facilities. Since both the educational and financial aspects must be balanced very carefully, we have welcomed the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Assessors, and the Finance Committee into further discussions to present the financial side of the picture

Respectfully submitted
J. WARREN CHADWICK
ALBERT G. GALE
E. LAURENCE COLBY
SETH L. KELSEY
CHARLES L. COTTON
SIMEON S. PEARL
ROSAMOND PRICE

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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Librarians: BERTHA PERLEY and LUCY K. PARKHURST

The library has been open every Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 except for two holidays—New Year's and Thanksgiving.

During 1949 413 new books were added to the Library by purchase or gift, making a total of 9889 volumes in our Library. There are 27 subscriptions to magazines and periodicals.

The circulation for the year is as follows:

Adult non-fiction	657
Adult fiction	1,630
Juvenile non-fiction	262
Juvenile fiction	1,257
Total circulation	3,806

Book deposits have been placed in the two rooms of the Aaron Wood School and in one room of the Morse School.

As the books are loaned to the school as a whole and not to individual borrowers there can be no accurate figure given for the average annual circulation.

Many recent purchasers of old houses in Boxford are interested to learn the history of their homes. To meet this interest the library has purchased extra copies of the "Dwellings of Boxford" by Sidney Perley. There are twenty bound copies ready for sale and any one interested may contact Miss Herrick.

A copy of the records of the Boxford Library Society 1796-1848 was presented to the Library at the Trustees' Annual Meeting in October. The first pages are photostatic copies of the constitution and signatures of the members. Following these pages is an exact typewritten copy of the original leather bound secretary's records of the Society. It includes even the list of books owned and prices paid in pounds, shillings and pence. The labor of deciphering so old a record and copying all of it is another proof of Miss Herrick's great love for the Library and her interest in it. Mr. Lord had the copy of the records beautifully bound.

A brass fire set was given to the Library by Mrs. Edith Howe Greene. The Trustees express their gratitude to Mrs. Greene for her kindly interest and generosity to the Library.

Gifts of books and magazines have been received throughout the year for which the Trustees wish to express their appreciation.

Dr. and Mrs. Haynes have created an attractive nook in the Library for the young people. Here they may look over books and do reference work.

The removal of the dead elm in front of the Library has improved the general appearance of the grounds. Through Mr. Kelsey's careful supervision the project was done without causing any disturbance to the surrounding area.

In order to best serve the needs and interests of the townspeople, the Library Association welcomes any suggestions for improvements.

ESTHER K. PERLEY
Secretary

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

OFFICERS

DR. WALTER R. INGALLS, President
MRS. ALEXANDER PRICE, Vice President
MISS RUBY F. NASON, Secretary
MR. E. LAURENCE COLBY, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Dr. Walter R. Ingalls, Chairman
Mr. John T. Chadwick Mr. F. Willard Pearl

There was a general increase in library business during the year, more books were circulated and more school children used the library facilities for class assignments. According to our records 3,032 books were circulated and 190 people borrowed books and magazines provided for their use.

With the assistance of the Book Purchasing Committee and through the generosity of the West Boxford people we were able to add to the book collection 157 volumes, of these 41 were presented. The total number of books now on our shelves is 7,437.

Furniture for the children's corner was presented to the library by Doctor and Mrs. Ingalls and The Friends of the Library. This gift is greatly appreciated and fills a long-felt need.

The annual library fund drive netted $86.00. This money was used for the purchase of books.

The Library Association wishes to express its sincere thanks to all those who contributed time, money or other gifts to the library during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS

Librarian

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the Boxford Police Department for the year 1949:

Classification	*No. of Cases*
Summonses served	9
Complaints, various	51
Registry requests	4
Automobile accidents	12
Fatal automobile accidents	1
Drowning	1
School house break	1
Camp breaks	1
Arrests	2
Court appearances	4

Traffic signs have been posted in various places in town. White lines are being painted by the State on Route 133.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON A NELSON
Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

Labor	$332.25
Janitor service	100.00
Gas Masks	307.72
Fuel	119.33
Telephone	13.40
Supplies and Equipment	121.37
Total	$994.07

Unexpended balance	5.93
	$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH
Fire Warden

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Telephone	$246.94
Fuel	32.13
Labor	256.00
Supplies and Equipment	318.94
Janitor	200.00
Hose	307.63
Salary	132.00
Total	$1,493.64
Unexpended balance	6.36
Appropriation	$1,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

During the year 1949 a road was opened into the Town Forest from Oak Ridge Road (west side) which will connect with the road formerly established in the Forest. Heretofore access to that part of the Forest was made through private land. This new entrance will enable us to reach any part of the Town Forest on our own land.

An improvement cutting was made on three or more acres. About three cords of wood have been given to the Welfare Department.

A woodland examination was made by a representative of the New England Forestry Foundation and a report sent us making recommendations for improving the area. We hope to carry out some of these recommendations in the years to come.

The expenditures to Jan. 1, 1950, have been as follows:

Examination and report by New England Forestry Foundation	$16.48
Labor	179.00
Total expenditure	$195.48

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER K. MORSS
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
MRS. WINTHROP P. HAYNES
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

Several dead trees had to be taken down during the year and also there was considerable trimming of low and dead limbs.

The expenditures of the department were as follows:

Labor	$332.00
Services of tree experts	52.70
Truck	89.00
Supplies	17.25
	$490.95

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON E. NOYES
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

All highways have been sprayed during the past year and all have been checked for gypsy moth nests in the fall. The heavily traveled roads have more nests than the back roads.

The total expenditure for moth suppression was $700.36 and for the Elm Tree Pest Control $288.00 was spent.

The State has sent men out to check for the Dutch Elm Disease throughout the town and we are very fortunate that as yet there has been none found.

ALERSON E. NOYES
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the year 1949 there have been reported to the Board of Health seven cases of chicken pox, three cases of German measles, three cases of whooping cough, eight cases of scarlet fever and four cases of dog bite.

The town dump continues to be somewhat of a problem, but we are much pleased with the cooperation shown by the residents of Boxford. The section cleared last year has been almost entirely covered during 1949. Another area has been prepared which it is hoped will be sufficient for the early part of 1950. Two plots of low ground have been cleared of wood and brush for use when needed.

All recreation camps were licensed and inspected by the State as required by law.

In 1949, because of the lack of personnel, the State was unable to inspect private water supplies except in emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Boxford:

The expense of General Relief during the year 1949 was $591.92. While this seems a small amount of money, it is an increase of approximately 33% over 1948 and probably reflects the general trend.

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

There were 18 cases on Old Age Assistance January 1, 1949. During the year two cases were added making a total of 20 at the end of the year.

The total expenditure for Old Age Assistance recipients was $14,962.00 and $59.50 reimbursed to other towns. $8,500.00 was appropriated by the town and $6,521.50 was spent from Federal Grants.

In August, 1949, the town received $1,630.00 which was payment in full for the mortgage note from the estate of the late John S. Dorman. From this sum the Federal share was $698.34, the State share was $621.11, leaving $310.55 for the town.

Federal reimbursements were received in the amount of $6,662.99 and $5,977.31 was received from the State. The balance of $2,381.20 represents the actual cost to the town.

Aid to Dependent Children

Under the Aid to Dependent Children program the cost of two cases was $2,844.25. Reimbursements of $944.90 were received from the Commonwealth and $684.00 in Federal Grants.

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

During the year 1949 there were 24 permits issued, 8 for new construction valued at $48,700.00, 7 for repairs and remodeling at a valuation of $4,025.00, 4 for additions at a valuation of $1,600.00, 4 garages valued at $2,050.00 and one lubritorium valued at $2,500.00. The total valuation for construction for the year 1949 was $58,875.00.

Fees collected	$42.00
Buildings inspected	27

Expenses:	
Legal services	$42.35
Office expenses	15.35
Salary	135.00
	$192.70

Respectfully submitted,
NORMAN M. MARSHALL
Building Inspector

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen of Boxford:

All money collected for dog licenses in 1949 has been turned over to the town clerk.

There are a few licenses still uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES P. GRAY
Dog Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED	
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves
January	45	160	2	1	6
February	47	210	2	0	3
March	51	307	0	0	10
April	52	204	9	0	0
May	53	171	5	0	3
June	69	185	7	0	2
July	71	178	5	0	1
August	53	203	9	0	3
September	66	252	11	0	5
October	59	186	9	0	6
November	77	209	1	1	4
December	73	199	16	0	3
Total	716	2,464	76	2	46

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. FOSTER
ALBERT R. FROST
Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen
Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year 1949, I submit the following report:

The yearly inspection of barns has been done in accordance with directions of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control and also the checking up of cattle brought into town from out of state for both dairy and slaughter purposes.

Places inspected	22
Total bovine animals	236
Swine	13
Sheep	3
Goats	1
Horses	14

On dog bites (Rabies suspects) none were reported to me.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. J. GREENLER, D. V. M.,
Inspector of Animals

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

	North Andover	Boxford	Total
Balances Carried over from 1948	$195.38	$30.89	$226.27
Appropriated in 1949, Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946 raised by Assessors 1949 Tax Levy	700.00	100.00	800.00
Total	$895.38	$130.89	$1,026.27
Expended to December 31, 1949 (A)	667.76	93.74	761.50
Balance, December 31, 1949	$227.62	$37.15	$264.77

(A) Basis of Apportionment, Chapter 559, Acts of 1945,

An Act establishing the basis of appointment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00 — Percent	.8769
Boxford	1,317,222.00 — Percent	.1231

JAMES J. MAKER,
District Treasurer

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$720.00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. (Service)	33.00
Veterans Information Service, Frank Ostlin Director, Moline, Illinois (Veteran's Laws)	6.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer's' Bond)	2.50
Total	$761.50

BERNARD W. BINGHAM
Agent

REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER—BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

The following cases were assisted during 1949:

Discharge (copy)	17
Discharge (recorded)	4
State Bonus	4
Notarization	17
Taxes	5
Back Pay	1
Information	72
Burial	2
VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION	
Compensation	16
Pensions	6
Education, training, rehabilitation	9
Subsistence	6
Hospitalization	5
Insurance	8

Insurance (Dividend)	247
Medical—dental	7

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
District Director

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS

of the

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 25, 1947

TO FEBRUARY 24, 1949

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

May 4, 1949

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston, Mass.

May 4, 1949

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Harry L. Cole, Chairman
Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from November 25, 1947 to February 24, 1949, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG

Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from November 25, 1947, the date of the previous audit, to February 24, 1949, and submit the following report thereon:

An examination and verification was made of the recorded transactions of the town as shown on the books of the departments receiving or distributing money or committing bills for collection.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked with the treasurer's books and with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town.

The appropriations and transfers as entered in the ledger were checked with the town clerk's record of appropriations and transfers voted by the town. The necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on February 24, 1949.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records in the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds, and the cash balance on February 24, 1949 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The debt and interest payments made during the period covered by the audit were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The income and expenditures of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer, as well as those in custody of the trustees of the Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund, were verified, the savings bank books and securities representing their investments being listed and found to be as recorded.

The tax title records in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the accounts of the collector and with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The records of payroll deductions for federal taxes were checked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue were verified, and the balance in the general treasury was proved.

An examination was made of the books and accounts of the tax collector. The taxes and assessments outstanding at the time of the last audit, as well as all subsequent commitments of taxes and assessments, were audited. The commitment book postings were checked with the cash book record of collections, the abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book.

The outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the town accountant's ledger, and were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose accounts were unpaid according to the books, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of receipts of the town clerk on account of dog and sporting licenses issued were examined and checked, the payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified.

The surety bonds furnished by the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be as required.

The accounts of the public welfare department, the

bureau of old age assistance, and of all other departments collecting money for the town were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet mentioned above, are tables showing a reconciliation of the town treasurer's and collector's cash, summaries of the tax, assessment, and departmental accounts, together with schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation extended by the town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts

Town of Boxford—BALANCE SHEET—February 24, 1949

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			
Cash:			
In Bank			$33,213.61
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1947:			
Personal Property	$319.32		
Real Estate	2,965.07		
		$3,284.39	
Levy of 1948:			
Poll	$12.00		
Personal Property	939.96		
Real Estate	7,618.52		
		8,570.48	
			$11,854.87
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			
Levy of 1948			$326.60
Special Assessments:			
Classified Forest Land 1947		$7.82	
Classified Forest Land 1948		28.98	
Moth 1947		3.00	
			39.80
Tax Titles			43.19
Departmental:			
Aid to Dependent Children		$320.90	

Liabilities and Reserves			
Federal Withholding Taxes			$224.85
Dog Licenses—Due County			6.60
Sale of Land of Low Value			33.81
Road Machinery Fund			2,752.68
Sarah P. Perley Fund Income			33.59
Federal Grants:			
Old Age Assistance:			
Assistance	$2,801.16		
Administration	142.07		
		$2,943.23	
Aid to Dependent Children:			
Aid	$225.24		
Administration	2.23		
		227.47	
			3,170.70
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:			
Highway—Chapter 90 Construction		$7,463.20	
School 1948		393.99	
			7,857.19
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus			4,933.29
Overlays—Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:			
Levy of 1947		$1,440.79	
Levy of 1948		1,064.80	
			2,505.59

Veterans' Benefits	15.00		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
		335.90	Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$326.60	
State Aid to Highways	$7,400.00		Special Assessment	39.80	
County Aid to Highways	3,700.00		Tax Title	43.19	
		11,100.00	Departmental	335.90	
Underestimates:			Aid to Highways	11,100.00	
State Parks and Reservations					11,845.49
Assessment 1948	$10.25		Estimated Receipts Collected		2,746.58
County Tax 1948	202.23		Surplus Revenue		28,237.50
		212.48			
Expenditures in Anticipation of Appropriations		7,221.42			
		$64,347.87			$64,347.87

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$3,000.00	Schoolhouse Loan	$3,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Town Farm Fund	$27,632.21
Cash and Securities:		East Parish Library Fund	3,520.00
In Custody of Town Treasurer	$50,076.30	East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,165.41
In Custody of Trustees	28,555.87	West Parish Library Fund	3,015.00
		Town School Fund	4,000.00
		Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,000.00
		Curtis and Killam Cemetery Fund	256.09
		Boxford Visiting Nurse Association Fund	823.42
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	7,664.17
		Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund	28,555.87
	$78,632.17		$78,632.17

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

James Pierce, Chairman	Term expires 1952
Archibald L. Trull	Term expires 1950
Helen E. Chadwick	Term expires 1951

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson, Ed.M.
Jackson Way, Georgetown
Telephone Georgetown 3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Lois Rogers, M.D.
Topsfield

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Harry Moore
Boxford
Clayton A. Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grades or Subjects*
Dorothy Eade Carver	Morse	1-2
Gladys E. McPherson	Aaron-Wood	5-6
Lelia Millay	Aaron-Wood	1-2
Ruth Morin	Morse School	3-4
Camille Lacey		Music Supervisor
Esther Osman		Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Annual Report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1949 is hereby submitted.

Beginning with the opening of school last fall, the School Committee put into effect the recommendations contained in a survey on our school system made by Dean Davis of Boston University and Mr. Ralph McLeary, Superintendant of Schools, Concord, Mass., during 1948. In the first place, grades 7 through 12 were transferred to Punchard High School in Andover with the exception of a few students who, having already started at other schools, were permitted to continue there provided that their families furnished transportation for them. In the second place, it was arranged to keep the first and second grades in each parish in their respective schools, but to send the entire third and fourth grades from both parishes to the Gardner Morse School and the entire fifth and sixth grades to the Aaron Wood School. Considerable work went into the necessary transportation arrangements required by such a shift, but the schedules have worked out remarkably well.

The above mentioned changes have apparently been well received by the Town. The transfer of grades 7-12 has given all pupils in these grades the advantages of the broader program of studies offered by a large and fully-equipped modern high school plant. It is heartening to note that our students at Punchard High School have made an excellent record with approximately one-third of them being listed as honor students at the end of the first marking period. Decreasing the number of grades in our elementary classrooms has reduced the number of grades per teacher from four to two, thereby improving our standards of instruction, and has eliminated use of the Community House in the East Parish as a classroom.

During the past year, we have endeavored to maintain both school buildings in excellent condition and have made several new improvements in the Aaron Wood School. At a special town meeting held June 29, 1949, the Town voted to appropriate the sum of $2500.00 for the purpose of improving the heating system at the Aaron Wood School. The

old hot-air system was replaced with a completely modern steam system including Herman-Nelson unit ventilators in each classroom similar to those in the Gardner Morse School. Actually the appropriation of $2500.00 voted on June 29th was not allowed for expenditure at that time by the Commissioner of Taxation, but we were able to withstand the cost of the new heating system by applying $1500.00 towards it from our 1949 budget and $1000.00 towards it from funds transferred to the School Department from surpluses in other departments at a special town meeting on November 7, 1949. In addition to the new heating system, the interior of the Aaron Wood School was painted during Christmas vacation.

With reference to school expenses, we are pleased to state that the estimated net local cost of our proposed 1950 school budget will be $25,161.67 as against a net local cost of $25,781.92 for the year 1949, a saving of approximately $600.00. This saving has been made possible in spite of increased school population, transportation expense, and teachers' salaries by such things as the saving of one teacher by abandonment of the Community House as a school, the saving of a sewing teacher for the seventh and eighth grades, and increased state reimbursement.

Since the establishment of the Regional High School Committee at the annual town meeting in March, 1949, the School Committee has worked closely with this Committee in the consideration of a Regional High School as a possibility for Boxford. It is our feeling that it would be inadvisable for the Town at this time to join a Regional High School district. In the first place, the cost per pupil would be almost twice what we are now paying to tuition our pupils to Punchard and Topsfield High Schools. In the second place, the joining of a four-grade regional high school system in terms of which the towns of Topsfield, Wenham, Hamilton, and Manchester have been planning, would not solve the problem of our seventh and eighth grades. These would still have to be tuitioned to another town or additional facilities would have to be provided to accommodate them in town. Finally, we feel that Punchard High School

is offering our pupils as fine an educational opportunity as a Regional School could.

In spite of all the improvements and changes which we feel have been effected in our school system during the past year, we are still faced with an ever-increasing school population which will almost immediately outgrow our present facilities again. We anticipate approximately 40 pupils in our third and fourth grades starting in September 1950, 40 pupils in our fifth and sixth grades starting in September 1951, and an eventual school population of at least 20 per grade in all grades. These figures are based on present school registers and births recorded in the Town and do not allow for new families who will move into Boxford nor do they allow for families with children of pre-school age not born in Boxford.

It is not only undesirable, but virtually impossible in our present classrooms, to provide a high standard of education with forty or more pupils in one room. We have, therefore, had an up-to-date survey of our problem made by Dean Davis of Boston University and it is his recommendation as well as ours that the Town consider seriously the erection of a central elementary school to house the first six grades, providing one classroom for each grade. A further consideration should be for such a building to include a general purpose auditorium to serve both the school and the community as a place of assembly, physical education, and recreation. Such a building would be designed in such a manner that, without unnecessary cost, additional rooms could be added to serve any other needs of the school and the community. This structure would solve both the problem of inadequate school facilities and town halls. Admittedly the cost of such a building would run from $150,000 to $200,000 of which approximately 31% would be reimbursed to the Town by the State, but, on the other hand, the Town would effect certain economies in the elimination of the present town halls and the consolidation of all school and community activities into one building.

In connection with the possibility of a central ele-

mentary school, the School Committee has met with the Planning Board on several occasions to consider it from the aspect of town planning and has also met jointly with the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Board of Assessors, and Planning Board to consider its financial aspects. We have also visited new schools in several other communities. A further report of our findings will shortly become available.

For reports on other aspects of the schools, we invite your attention to the report of the Superintendent of Schools and other special reports which follow.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES B. PEIRCE, Chairman
HELEN E. CHADWICK
ARCHIBALD L. TRULL, Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my report as superintendent of schools for the year ending December 31, 1949.

The decision made a year ago to send pupils of Junior and Senior High School age to Andover as tuition pupils made possible a re-organization of our elementary schools. The reduction of the number of grades per room to two grades is a definite step in progress. Even with two grades per room we find a teacher with thirty-nine pupils which is altogether too large a group to enable a teacher to give the proper attention to individual needs of pupils. The time is not far away when additional classrooms will be a necessity.

The record of our pupils in the High Schools which they attend is indicative of the fact that their educational background has been adequate to enable them to carry on successfully in other schools. I hope that as our pupils adjust themselves to their new situation a greater amount of participation in the extra curricula activities of the school will follow. As our boys and girls develop an interest in extra-curricula activities, I recommend that an effort be made to provide an organized transportation plan to facilitate and encourage participation in these activities.

The condition of our school buildings has been definitely improved during the past year. The heating and lighting at the Aaron Wood School is modern, efficient and adequate. The refinishing of the Aaron Wood School in accord with recommendations of color dynamics experts is in line with the best practises in educational planning.

Pupil progress in our schools continued throughout the year on a high level. The results of standardized tests given in May, 1949 indicate that our median pupil is well above grade. I am sure that with our present organization of two grades per room education accomplishment will exceed past records.

During the past year the condition of our textbooks has been greatly improved through the purchase of new Spellers, Arithmetics, additional basic readers and several sets of supplementary readers. Supplies have been adequate.

Several new combination pupil desks and chairs were purchased during 1949 so that at the present time all rooms are equipped with modern moveable furniture.

The teaching staff of our schools is experienced and consists of teachers who are trained for the particular position each holds. With capable teachers, good books, adequate supplies and well lighted, properly heated and ventilated classrooms we can look forward to greater progress. We need to be mindful of the fact that we have a growing need for additional classrooms however.

There was but one change in the teaching staff of our schools during the past year. Mrs. Camille Lacey of Andover, a graduate of Lowell Teachers College with previous experience at Monson, Mass., and Middleton, Mass., assumed the duties of Music Supervisor in September succeeding Miss Andronike Mekelatos.

The tuitioning of our seventh and eighth grade boys and girls to Andover resulted in the elimination of one regular classroom teaching position and the part-time sewing position. Mr. George Flagg, whose position was eliminated as a result of our re-organization, was elected to a position at Groveland, Mass.

In closing this report I wish to express my appreciation

to the Committee for their cooperation in the interests of the youth of the town. The cooperation of the teachers, custodians, town officials, parents and pupils has also helped to make the past year a pleasant and profitable experience.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I herewith submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending 1949.

My goal in the school music this year is to bring into the lives of the children pleasant and profitable musical experiences, both by increasing their repertory of songs and by increasing their knowledge of the fundamentals of music. With this in mind, each teacher is provided with a monthly outline of work which is to be covered within each month. This work consists of seasonal songs containing musical problems relating to time, tone, and theory. These problems are presented at the rate of one a month with subsequent drill.

I experimented with the use of a wire recorder in each of the rooms, recording songs especially prepared for the Christmas Season, then playing them back for the children to hear. It was a delightful experience for all concerned and one which will be repeated at intervals during the year so that the children as well as the teacher may note the progress of the class.

We have adopted a rather definite schedule of music appreciation this year, allowing the last week of each month for the introduction of some phase of appreciation, to be followed up by the room teacher. This has required the purchase of a few records with the idea in mind that eventually each grade will be provided with ample recorded material for a worthwhile and informative course in appreciation.

May I take this opportunity to thank you, Mr. Johnson, members of the School Committee, and all the teachers for your kind and sincere cooperation in the music program.

Respectfully submitted,

CAMILLE T. LACEY
Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee of the Town of Boxford, Mass.:

I hereby submit my report as supervisor of art for the year ending December 31, 1949.

During the winter months at the Morse and Wood Schools the upper grades originated posters advertising sports, Valentines, kindness to animals and other subjects in connection with school work. Various mediums were chosen by the children to express their ideas. In the lower grades in both schools the children made illustrations of winter activities, figure drawings, stories, poems and songs in crayons, cut-outs and paints.

Animal Posters were sent in to the Annual Poster Contest of the Massachusetts Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals from the upper grades and several prizes were awarded in both schools.

In March, April and May the art work was correlated with their studies, school activities and holidays. In the spring an evening art exhibit at the Morse School was well attended by parents and children. Both schools exhibited their work at all times in the classrooms.

In the fall through Christmas the usual Hallowe'en, Autumn, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas pictures decorated the rooms and windows. All the art work showed the development of the children's natural expressions through a creative approach with the use of various mediums.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER OSMAN
Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools,
Town of Boxford:

The general health of the Boxford school children has remained good. The teeth have improved since last year.

There is still need for more attention, on the part of the children, to their posture but there is some improvement in the posture in general over previous years.

The over-all health picture is good and the cooperation of the parents has been excellent in signing permissions for diphtheria immunizations.

Respectfully submitted,
LOIS K. ROGERS, M.D.
School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my third annual report as school nurse in the Boxford schools for the year 1949.

In September, the usual thorough physical examinations were given by Dr. Lois Rogers with the following results:

Enlarged tonsils and adenoids	8
Enlarged glands	10
Pronated feet	7

Notices were sent home to parents concerning these defects and the children were shown corrective foot exercises by the doctor.

Due to the prevalence of colds this winter, Dr. Rogers asked all parents to keep children with any sign of a cough or sniffles at home.

With the aid of a State authorized visual aid machine, all the children were given an eye test. This showed three young pupils to have defective eye sight which with good cooperation on the part of parents has been remedied.

Diphtheria Immunizations—Of the children entering the first grade, 80 per cent had been previously innoculated against the disease, six pupils were given the initial immunizations and 17 booster shots were administered.

I wish to thank the parents, teachers, school physician and pupils for their continued interest in the health of the school child.

Respectfully submitted,
RUTH BARNARD, R.N.
School Nurse

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Nancy Hilyard — Neil Osgood

Juniors

Marshall Brisbois — Jane Gamble

Sophomores

Nancy Childs — James Tagg
David Killam — Johan Titus
Walter Woodburn

Freshmen

Arlene Brisbois — Charles Killam
Jeanne Garry — Robert Woodburn

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bruce Garry	Grade 8	Scott Nolan	Grade 4
Marjorie Killam	Grade 8	Judith Owen	Grade 2
Judith Melzard	Grade 4	Priscilla Owen	Grade 5
Sandra Nolan	Grade 4	Diana Tagg	Grade 8
Calvin Titus	Grade 8		

PUPILS ATTENDING OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS

Name	*School*	*Grade*
Robert Hagen	Johnson H. S.	12
David Kelley	Johnson H. S.	12
Jack Pearl	Johnson H. S.	11
James Troop	Perley H. S.	11

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING PUNCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Joan Lord — Marjorie Walsh

William Walsh

Juniors

Virginia Leman

Sophomores

Roger Chadwick
Helen Doucette
Barbara Hook
Charlotte Kelley
Janice Kinnie
Raymond LeBel
Donald Millay
Nancy Pearl

Ronald Shaw

Post-Graduates

George Gamble
Margaret Powers

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9

Marcia Cotton
James Gemmell
Gail Goddard
Donald Gould
Daniel Greco
Mary Lord
Robert Merrow
Carol Pratt
Gardner Robinson
Frederick Shaw
Joan Stecker
Eugene Vincent

Grade 8

Eleanor Doucette
Gloria Dupuis
Nancy Eldridge
David Emery
Elaine Hopping
Irene LeBel
Barbara Perkins
Eugene Russell

Grade 7

John Baer
Judith Currier
Joan Houldsworth
Anne Lord
Meredyth Osgood
Sara Paisley
Valarie Shaw
Beverly Spofford

Eleanor Swanson

1949 GRADUATES

AARON WOOD SCHOOL

Arline Brisbois
Marcia Cotton
Jeanne Garry
Gail Stewart Goddard
Mary W. Lord
Robert B. Merrow
Miriam A. Millen
William Scribner

Donald W. Gould
Charles E. Killam
Eugene Joseph Vincent
Robert Arthur Woodburn

GARDNER MORSE SCHOOL

James William Gemmell
Daniel Vincent Greco
Frederick R. Shaw
Carol Elizabeth Pratt

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1949

Morse School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	7	5	10	8	—	—	30
Girls	3	6	8	4	—	—	21
	10	11	18	12	0	0	51

Aaron Wood School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	3	2	—	—	4	3	12
Girls	6	8	—	—	7	2	23
	9	10	0	0	11	5	35

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-16	Totals
Boys	12	67	79
Girls	13	74	87
Totals	25	141	166

*Includes 7 to 16 not in School and in Private School.

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET—1950

Administration		
Superintendent's Salary	$750.00	
Transportation	90.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	200.00	
		$1,404.00
Teachers' Salaries		
Regular	$10,135.00	

Special	1,040.00	
Substitutes	275.00	
		$11,450.00
Health		
Physician	$250.00	
Nurse	300.00	
Supplies	50.00	
		600.00
Tuition		$12,000.00
Transportation		7,800.00
Janitors		1,000.00
Attendance Supervisor		20.00
Books and Supplies		750.00
Fuel and Electricity		1,300.00
Telephone		110.00
Maintenance		1,930.00
Insurance		600.00
Total for Schools		$38,600.00
Vocational		300.00
Total Schools and Vocational		$38,900.00

REIMBURSEMENTS ON 1949 ACCOUNT

Chapter 643, Acts of 1948	$5,148.34
Union Superintendent of Schools	290.03
All School Transportation	4,087.75
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	318.63
	$9,844.75

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1950

Chapter 643, Acts of 1948	$5,213.33
Union Superintendent of Schools	560.00
All School Transportation	6,965.00
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	1,000.00
	$13,738.33

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1949

The year 1949 has been one of much activity for your Finance Committee, especially where the problems of our elementary schools are concerned. Meetings have been held with the Town officers and other committees—more especially, the School Committee. All appear to be agreed that based upon certain facts and statistics as presented by the School Committee, and considering an anticipated population trend in the direction of Boxford, there will be the necessity of expanding our elementary school facilities before the Fall of 1951. This is a real problem—and a solution is not easy.

It has been proposed that a central elementary school located in the geographical center of the Town is the solution. The gross cost for the proposed plant alone has been estimated at $200,000.00, approximately 32% of which it is expected would be subsidized by the Commonwealth. Also, at the present time, the taxpayers would have to pay the interest charges on such a financial transaction.

Alternative proposals concern expanding upon our present facilities by making an addition to either the Aaron Wood School or the Gardner Morse School, or additions to both of these schools. The cost of such additions has been estimated as being approximately $25,000 per room. (It is understood that at least two rooms will be needed by the Fall of 1951.) It is said that the Commonwealth would make no contribution in this regard.

Several of the individual members of Town Committees and a goodly number of the citizens have discussed these proposals with members of this Committee. With few exceptions, it was urged that the central school plan, although desirable, was not suitable at this time, nor was it the solution. It was felt that if expansion is inevitable, then let it be in terms of an addition to one of the existing school buildings, or to both of such schools.

Accordingly, it is the considered opinion of this Committee that if expansion of the facilities of our elementary school system is necessary, the proposed central school plan, while desirable, is not presently a necessity nor is it eco-

nomically justifiable; that any such expansion should be accomplished in terms of suitable additions to our present school facilities.

As respects Articles 25 and 26 in the Warrant, it is the recommendation of this Committee that such articles be considered concurrently—that an amount of $1000.00 be raised and appropriated by the Town for the use of a committee to be comprised of the School Committee, three citizens from West Boxford and three citizens from Boxford—a total of nine members, to study the elementary school problem in its entirety and to report its findings and recommendations to the Town not later than the next annual Town Meeting. Said committee should be empowered to engage professional consultants in this regard.

The proposed budget for the year 1950 has been studied carefully and discussed with the various departments where necessary. A conscientious effort has been made by all to keep the cost of Town government at a minimum. We wish to commend the elected and appointed officials in this regard. Based upon the proposed budget—and if our recommendations are followed—it is submitted that the tax rate for the current year should be approximately $44.00.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. CARGILL, Jr., Chairman
DIMON LOCKWOOD
WALTER K. MORSS
Finance Committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE A REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

At the last annual Town Meeting there was caused to be appointed this committee to investigate and study the necessity, if any, of a Regional High School Program for the Town of Boxford.

On October 28, 1949, Dr. Paul Stoddard, principal of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School was heard to address the Toptfield P.T.A. in the presence of the Combined Town Committee of Hamilton, Wenham, Manchester

and Topsfield for Regional School Investigation concerning regional school administration and problems in general. Mr. Curtis Campbell of Topsfield, Chairman of the aforementioned Committee, gave of his time to address all-too-few of the citizens of the town at a meeting called to discuss the matter generally.

Mr. John Marshall of the Massachusetts School Buildings Assistance Commission has discussed the matter in detail with this committee. On October 29, 1949, he addressed a group of Town Committees and officials and nearly all of our problems were discussed at that time. It was his opinion that ours is primarily an elementary school problem, for the present at least.

Inquiry of those parents with children attending the Punchard High School in Andover, and of the pupils themselves, revealed unanimous satisfaction with our present means of educating Grades Seven through Twelve.

Therefore, considering the attitude of all concerned, and further, considering the undoubtedly more-acute elementary school question facing the Town at this time, it is respectfully submitted that the Town of Boxford forego any action in regard to a proposed regional high school program, such a program not being feasible or necessary for the present or in the near future.

THOMAS E. CARGILL, Jr., Chairman
HELEN HOOGERZEIL, Secretary
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS, Sr.
JAMES PEIRCE
CHARLES L. COTTON
NATALIE KINNE

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, Boxford, on Monday, the sixth of March next, at 5:45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose the following officers, viz.:
Moderator for one year.
Selectman for three years.
Assessor of Taxes for three years.
Town Clerk for three years.
Collector of Taxes for one year.
Constable, East Parish, for one year.
Constable, West Parish, for one year.
Highway Surveyor, East Parish, for one year.
Highway Surveyor, West Parish, for one year.
One member of the School Committee for three years.
One member of the Board of Health for three years.
Tree Warden for one year.
Two members of the Planning Board, each for five years.
The above named officers will be voted upon one ballot.
THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 5:45 o'clock A. M., and MAY CLOSE AT 12:30 o'clock P. M.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers and Committees.

Article 3. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 4. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate

for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 for the improvement of Washington Street; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate $500.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 8. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To appropriate $343.62 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 10. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed $7,000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1950 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59, of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To take such action as may be deemed best

in regard to making roads passable when encumbered with snow.

Article 13. To determine when the taxes shall be committed to the Collector, also the manner of collecting same.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $23,125.00 to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,000.00 to be used to gravel and resurface Middleton Road starting from the section improved in 1949 and continuing toward Middleton.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to open the Polls at State and Town elections at 6:30 A. M., or take any action in the matter.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the improvement of Glendale Road, West Boxford, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and

appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Valley Road, or take any action in the matter.

Article 21. To see whether the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 48, Sections 42, 43 and 44 of the General Laws, and form a Fire Department thereunder, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see whether the town will vote to join with the towns of Middleton and Topsfield to form a Public Welfare District under the provisions of Section 44, 45 and 46 of Chapter 117 of the General Laws, as amended, subject to the passage of substantially similar votes by said towns of Middleton and Topsfield; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of maintaining a common public welfare office and employing suitable persons to assist the Board of Public Welfare (or Board of Selectmen acting as such), of each constituent town of the public welfare district in carrying out the provisions of Chapters 117, 118, 118-a, and 122.

Article 24. To see whether the town will vote to accept the trust fund under the will of Emma S. Eliott Cote, late of Haverhill, Mass., and to hold and apply the same under the terms of said will.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for use by the School Committee for further study of a central elementary school.

Article 26. To see what action the town will take relative to the appointment of a School Building Committee to work with the School Committee in considering plans for and site of a central elementary school.

Article 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days, at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of February in the year nineteen hundred fifty.

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1950

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	1,500.00
Assessors	1,350.00
Treasurer	400.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,500.00
Accountant	1,600.00
Registrars	250.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	200.00
Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	500.00
Board of Health	500.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	900.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Essex Sanatorium	823.83
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	500.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,499.89
Public Welfare	700.00
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,800.00
Veterans' Benefits	500.00
Schools	38,600.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,500.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,750.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	5,000.00
Street Lighting	625.00
Town Halls	1,800.00

Public Grounds	200.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Clerical	250.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Community House	100.00
Schoolhouse Loan	1,000.00
Interest on Loans	100.00
Town Reports	500.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Regional High School Committee	50.00

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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1950

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1951
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1952
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1953

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1951
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1952
Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1953

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1952

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1953
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1953

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Helen E. Chadwick	Term expires 1951
James B. Peirce	Term expires 1952
Archibald L. Trull	Term expires 1953

BOARD OF HEALTH

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1951
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1952
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1953

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French — B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Walter H. Gamans, Jr. — Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst — John T. Chadwick

Harry E. Trask

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley — Term expires 1953

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D. V. M.

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster — Albert R. Frost

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French — Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1951
Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1952
Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1953

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

SWORN WEIGHER

William Terravechia

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1951
Seth L. Kelsey	Term expires 1951
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1952
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1953
E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1954
Albert G. Gale	Term expires 1955
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1955

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1951
Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1952
Dimon Lockwood	Term expires 1953

APPEAL BOARD

Richard A. Spofford	Term expires 1950
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1951
Alfred K. Nason	Term expires 1952

ALTERNATES

Philip Spofford	Term expires 1950
Paul Killam	Term expires 1951
Burton Shaw	Term expires 1952

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

SPECIAL POLICE

Henry W. Nason	Clinton E. French
Charles H. Getchell	William R. Cargill

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

LIST OF JURORS—1950-1951

Butler, Howard F., poultryman, Georgetown Road, Boxford
Cargill, William R., broker, Main Street, Boxford
Gillis, Allen, laborer, Elm Street, Boxford
Greenler, William J., veterinarian, Highland Road, West Boxford
Hoogerzeil, Norman P., inspector, Depot Road, Boxford
Killam, Dana F., farmer, Endicott Road, Boxford
Leighton, Chester A., machinist, Washington Street, West Boxford
Lyon, Avard P., carpenter, Ipswich Road, West Boxford
McGregor, Arthur T., telephone employee, Main Street, West Boxford
Morss, Stanwood R., fruit specialist, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
Nason, Clinton B., farmer, Washington Street, West Boxford
Peabody, Archibald, caretaker, Lawrence Road, Boxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

At the Annual Town Meeting, held in the Town Hall, Boxford, on Monday, March 6, 1950, the following business was transacted, viz:

Article 2. Voted to pass over this article without action.

Article 3. Voted to accept the reports of Town Officers and Committees as printed in Town Report.

Article 4. Voted to adopt the suggested budget as printed, and raise and appropriate money for same.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2500.00 for the improvement of Washington Street, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose

under the provisions of Chapter 90. Yes 59, No 30, (hand vote).

Article 7. Voted to appropriate $500.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 8. Voted that the Town pay for labor in the various departments be the same as last year, namely $1.00 per hour.

Article 9. Voted to appropriate $343.62 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses to be divided equally between the two Libraries.

Article 10. Voted to allow bills of charge as follows, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the bill of John C. Reardon, Atty., for legal services in settlement of claim against John S. Dorman estate to August 1, 1949.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed $7,000.00 from surplus revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1950 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxations in accordance with Section 23 Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

Article 12. Voted that the making of roads passable when encumbered with snow be left in the hands of the Highway Surveyors.

Article 13. Voted that the matter of committing the taxes to th eCollector and the manner of collecting the same, be left with the Assessors.

Article 14. Voted that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of

$400.00 to be divided equally between the Libraries for use toward the Maintenance of the same.

Article 16. Voted to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of $23,135.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway re-location, repair or construction, done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money, when reimbursed, to be credited to surplus revenue.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be used to gravel and resurface Middleton Road, starting from the section improved in 1949, and continuing toward Middleton.

Article 18. Voted that the polls at State and Town Elections be opened at 6:30 A.M.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be used for the improvement of Glendale Road, West Boxford. Yes 53, No 19 (hand vote).

Article 20. Voted to pass over this article without action.

Article 21. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 48, Sections 42, 43, and 44 of the General Laws and form a Fire Dept. thereunder.

Article 22. Voted to join with the towns of Middleton and Topsfield to form a Public Welfare District under the provisions of Sections 44, 45, and 46 of Chapter 117 of the General Laws, as amended, subject to the passage of substantially similar votes by said towns of Middleton and Topsfield.

Article 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $924.93 for the purpose of maintaining a common public welfare office and employing suitable persons to assist the Board of Public Welfare (or Board of Selectmen acting as such), of each constituent town of the Public Welfare District in carrying out the provisoions of Chapters 117, 118, 118a and 122.

Article 24. Voted to accept the Trust Fund under the

will of Emma S. Eliott Cote late of Haverhill, Mass., and to hold and apply the same under the terms of said will.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for use by the School Committee for further study of the entire elementary school problem.

Article 26. Voted that a committee consisting of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Selectmen, to be chosen by that Board, one member of the Planning Board, to be chosen by that Board, and two members of the Parent-Teacher Association, one to represent the East Parish, and one to represent the West Parish, to be chosen by that Association, be established to make a careful study of (1) procedures, (2) plans and (3) sites for meeting the housing and educational needs of the elementary school children in the Town of Boxford by considering the possible modifications and additions to (A) the present school buildings, and (B) the possibilities of a central school building; and then report their findings on (A) and (B) to the town at a sfubsequent town meeting.

Article 27. Voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

A true copy
Attest: DONALD E. ANDERSON,
Town Clerk

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1950

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	1,500.00
Assessors	1,350.00
Treasurer	400.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,500.00
Accountant	1,600.00
Registrars	250.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	200.00

Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	500.00
Board of Health	500.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	900.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Essex Sanatorium	823.83
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	35.00
Police	500.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,499.89
Public Welfare	700.00
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,800.00
Veterans' Benefits	500.00
Schools	38,600.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,500.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,750.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	5,000.00
Street Lighting	625.00
Town Halls	1,800.00
Public Grounds	200.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Soldier's Graves	225.00
Clerical	250.00
Seletmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Community House	100.00
Schoolhouse Loan	1,000.00
Interest on Loans	100.00
Town Reports	500.00
Town Counsel	500.00

Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Regional High School Committee	50.00
	$87,108.72
Washington Street	2,500.00
Bills of Charge: John C. Reardon, Atty.	50.00
Maintenance of two Public Libraries	400.00
Middleton Road	1,000.00
Glendale Road, West Boxford	1,000.00
Public Welfare District (Expense)	924.93
School Committee (for study of entire elementary school problem)	3,000.00
Total amount to raise and appropriate	$95,983.65
Transfers of other appropriations:	
Maintenance of Road Machinery from Road Mach. Fund	1,000.00
Reserve Fund from Overlay Reserve	500.00
To Reduce Tax Levy from Surplus Revenue	7,000.00
Highway Allotment from Surplus Revenue	23,125.00
Two Libraries from Dog Account	343.62
	$127,952.27

A true copy
Attest:

DONALD E. ANDERSON,
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 13, 1950

At a special Town Meeting held in the Town Hall, Boxford, on November 13, 1950, the following record was made:

Articles 1 and 2 Voted that the town accept the provisions of Section 23 of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, and that the election of town officers be held the day following the annual meeting for other business, said annual meeting to be held in the evening of the first Monday in March.

Voted that the town accept the provisions of Section 103A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws and provide for absentee voting at town elections in accordance with Sections 86 through 103 of said Chapter.

Article 3. Voted to transfer the following amounts from various departments, viz: $600.00 from Board of Public Welfare to Insurance Account; $400.00 from Board of Public Welfare to Aid for Dependent Children; $100.00 from Planning Board to Police; $280.00 from Old Age Assistance, $50.00 from Regional High School Committee, and $20.00 from Street Lighting to Public Welfare; $150.00 from School Building Committee to Veterans' Benefits; $75.00 from Vocational Education to Inspection of Slaughtering; $42.00 from Town Reports Account, $90.00 from Interest on Loans, $75.00 from Vocational Education, $50.00 from the Morse House, and $125.00 from Selectmen's Highway Fund to Town Halls Account.

Article 4. Voted that meeting be adjourned to Thursday, December 14, at 8 P.M. at the Town Hall, Boxford, to allow School Building Committee more time to prepare its report.

Article 5. Voted to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 14, 1950

Article 4 of the warrant of the special town meeting of November 30th, 1950, was taken up at this time with the following results:

The following motion was made and seconded: That the town approve Plan "A" of the School Building Committee, modified to provide for raising and appropriating the sum of $120,000.00 and transferring the sums of $28,352.23 from the Town Farm Fund, $7,836.22 from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund and $2,500 from the School Building Committee for the purpose of building a central elementary school based on

plans submitted by the School Building Committee in its report dated December 1, 1950, at a total cost not to exceed $160,000.00, subject to approval for State Aid of said plans by the State School Building Assistance Commission; and that the Selectmen be instructed to call a Special Town Meeting as soon as practicable, but not later than December 27, 1950, under a warrant suitable to provide for the voting of the necessary appropriations, transfers, and bond issues to carry out the same.

The motion was defeated, 75 N.—68 Yes, on a secret ballot with the use of check lists.

It was voted that the Selectmen be instructed to call a Special Town Meeting not later than December 27, 1950, for the purpose of acting on an article which will allow the town to vote for additions to the present school buildings or construction of a central elementary school and legally provide for financing the same.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 27, 1950

At a special town meeting held December 27, 1950, the following record was made:

Article 1. Voted that the town approve the construction of a central elementary school in accordance with plans submitted by the School Building Committee in its report dated December 1, 1950, modified to omit the general purpose room and health room as submitted in said plans, but to convert classrooms five and six in said plans into a general purpose room, subject to approval of plans for State Aid by the State School Building Assistance Commission at at a total cost not to exceed $120,000.00. Yes 103—No 98, by secret ballot.

Article 2. Moved that the sums of $7836.22 from the

Post War Rehabilitation Fund, and $2,500.00 from the School Building Committee be transferred from said funds and appropriated for the financing of the construction voted under article 1., and that the further sum of $110,000.00 be raised and appropriated therefor by bond issue, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to issue bonds of the Town in that amount, to mature not later than twenty years from dae of issue and to carry interest at not more than 1¾% per annum.

Motion defeated, Yes 106, No 75, because two thirds vote required to vote bond issue. Vote by secret ballot.

Voted that action under article 2. be deferred and that a committee made up of the School Committee, Selectmen, and Finance Committee be instructed to study the problem of financing the action taken under article 1 and report to the town at a meeting to be called for the purpose, said meeting to be held within the next three weeks.

Article 3. Voted that the present School Building Committee be continued; that it be directed to supervise construction of the new building, if any; and that it be authorized to appoint two new members.

An amendment specifying that one new member must be from the West Parish and one new member from the East Parish was defeated.

Article 4. Votoed to adjourn.

E. LAURENCE COLBY
Town Clerk

BIRTHS

Date of Birth		*Parents' Name*
1950		
Feb. 4	Ernest Melvin Demsey, Jr.	Ernest M. Demsey, Sr. Evelyn M. (Hilyard)
Feb. 5	Donald Frank Getchell	Charles H. Getchell Ruth A. (Worthen)
Apr. 9	Linda Dodge	Julian L. Dodge Katherine J. (McCarthy)

May 6	Thomas Burdick Bolton	John Gaines Bolton Helen Mary (Wilson)
May 21	Helen Louise Love	Nathaniel N. Love, Jr. Anne (Moors)
May 31	Christine Anne Ackerman	Alfred R. Ackerman Ruth (Weyhgandt)
June 11	Lawrence Andrew Blake, 3rd	Lawrence Andrew Blake, Jr. Joan (Chadwick)
July 21	Darcy Ros Stecker	Ray J. Stecker Ella M. (Ros)
Aug. 9	Alexander Stuart McGregor	Arthur T. McGregor Grace I. (Robinson)
Aug. 15	Karen Hamilton	Roger A. Hamilton Martha E. (Mortimer)
Aug. 15	Kenneth Hamilton	Roger A. Hamilton Martha E. (Mortimer)
Aug. 30	Nancy Etta Eaton	Forrest Eaton Charlotte (French)

DEATHS

Date	*Name*	*Age*		
1949		Yr.	M.	D.
Dec. 5	Robert James Stewart, Jr.	52	5	19
1950				
Feb. 7	Ida L. Chadwick	52	3	11
Mar. 11	Blanche Agnes Chadwick	80	5	19
Mar. 13	Ethel A. Killam	70	11	2
Mar. 17	Jeanette (Perley) Brown	64	7	23
Mar. 23	Edith (Howe) Green	80	7	12
Apr. 2	Joseph Sheldon	69	0	8
May 29	Edward Jackson Holmes	77	4	26
Aug. 10	Alexander Stuart McGregor	—	—	1
Aug. 26	Florence (Chase) Bevelacqua	64	6	17
Sept. 16	Elizabeth Lovell Maddock	85	6	25
Nov. 22	Jesse Hey	76	5	3
Nov. 27	Agnes S. Bascom	88	—	—

MARRIAGES DURING 1950

Date	*Names*	*Residence*
May 6	John Noble Snider, Jr. Priscilla Parker	North Hampton, N. H. Boxford
June 24	John Leslie Zibell Rosaleen May Enos	Boxford Georgetown

July 1	George Everett Hagen	West Boxford
	Edna Scranton Bartlett	Farmington, N. H.
July 26	Prescott H. Clark	Danvers
	Helen Leblanc (Filipilak)	Danvers
Aug. 20	John Barrington Perley	Rowley
	Joan Claire Leighton	West Boxford
Nov. 25	Jean Jacques Poirier	Boxford
	Marie Jeanette Spooner	Danvers

DOG LICENSES FOR 1950

79	Males at $2.00	$158.00
30	Females at $5.00	150.00
29	Spayed Females at $2.00	58.00
1	Kennel at $25.00	25.00
1	1948 License at $2.00	2.00
1	Military (Free)	
		$393.00
	139 Fees at .20 each	27.80
		$365.20

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR 1950

18	Fishing Licenses at $2.00 each	$36.00
30	Hunting Licenses at $2.00 each	60.00
10	Sporting Licenses at $3.25	32.50
6	Minor Fishing Licenses at $1.25	7.50
3	Citizen Trapping Licenses at $5.25	15.75
1	—3 day Fishing License at $1.50	1.50
1	Non Resident Citizen Fishing License at $5.25	$5.25
1	Duplicate at .50	.50
2	Free	
		$155.00
	71 Fees at .25 each	17.75
	Paid Division of Fisheries & Game	$137.25

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operating costs of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year was	$121,497.33
Other expenses for the year were:	
Veterans' Service	75.00
State Parks and Reservations	127.13
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	236.35
County Tax	4,226.14
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	909.49
Contributory Retirement Assessment	938.80
Overlay for 1950	2,381.19
	$130,391.43
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated at	65,669.93
Deducting the expected revenue from total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	$64,721.50
The Poll Tax—320—yielded	640.00

In order to collect the balance of $64,081.50, called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was assigned a value for assessment purposes. Those assessments were as follows:

Personal Estate	$219,270.00
Real Estate—buildings and land	1,306,480.00
Giving a total valuation of	$1,525,750.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $42.00, which made a tax on personal property of $9,209.34 and on real estate $54,872.16.

The Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on 656 vehicles valued at $318,770.00 at the state-wide rate of $44.16 yielded $10,-641.11.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK
J. WARREN CHADWICK
HARRY L. COLE
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1950

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector:		
Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$47,348.05	
Personal Property	7,770.42	
Poll	546.00	
Classified Forest Land	148.47	
		$55,812.94
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$9,585.75	
Personal Property	1,158.36	
Poll	22.00	
Classified Forest Land	14.91	
		10,781.02
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1950	$1,683.90	
Levy of 1950	7,281.64	
		8,965.54
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$19,770.75	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	500.00	
		20,270.75
For Education:		
High School Transportation	$6,975.00	
Superintendent, Small Towns	544.75	
Tuition, State Children	853.84	
Transportation, State Children	371.00	
Vocational Education	12.00	
		8,756.59
For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$8,158.34	
Corporation Taxes	3,168.21	
Loss of Taxes	895.29	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	334.00	

Snow Removal	13.00	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
		12,593.84
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$7,671.62	
Old Age Assist., U. S. Grant	7,497.33	
Old Age Assist., Admin., U. S. Grant	276.04	
Aid to Dependent Children	787.84	
Aid to Dep. Child., U. S. Grant	589.50	
Aid to Dep. Child., Admin., U. S. Grant	27.63	
Veterans' Benefits	205.75	
		17,055.71
County of Essex:		
Dog License Refund		343.62
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Interest on School Funds	$100.00	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	77.93	
West Parish	67.88	
J. T. Barker School Fund	650.00	
Killam and Curtis Burial Lot Fund	15.00	
		910.81
Departmental Accounts:		
Treasurer	$4.00	
Appeal Board	10.00	
Forest Warden	37.95	
Police	31.55	
Highway	24.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	16.85	
		124.35
Licenses and Permits:		
Dogs	$372.40	
Slaughter	400.00	
Building	51.00	
Revolver	10.00	
Junk	7.00	
Ice Cream	5.00	
Milk	5.00	

Peddler	3.00	
Recreational Camp	3.00	
Lord's Day	1.00	
		857.40
Unclassified:		
Property damage from Insurance	$42.48	
Court fine	5.00	
Land rent	10.00	
Interest on taxes	478.76	
Tax costs	2.10	
Withholding Tax deductions	1,499.35	
Rent from Town Halls	240.00	
Rent from Morse House	96.00	
Rent from Community House	73.50	
Wood—Spofford Road	9.00	
Waste paper and junk	16.66	
Tax Title redemption	443.00	
Departmental refunds	9.12	
Use of telephones	.65	
		2,925.62
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$139,398.19

EXPENDITURES FOR 1950

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$1,018.49
Board of Public Welfare	367.08
Assessors	1,272.59
Treasurer	293.75
Town Clerk	324.06
Accountant	1,554.89
Tax Collector	1,401.24
Registrars	186.78
Elections	546.20
Town Counsel	500.00
Planning Board	7.13
Appeal Board	70.58
Building Inspector	151.80

Wire Inspector	85.88	
Finance Committee	335.00	
School Building Committee	267.80	
Board of Health	368.63	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	958.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$9,759.90

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$28.29	
Dog Officer	50.00	
Police	565.65	
Deputy Game Warden	50.00	
Forest Warden	1,499.15	
Fire Warden	945.84	
Tree Warden	488.22	
Moth Suppression & Pest Control	1,152.93	
		$4,780.08

AID AND RELIEF

Central Essex Welfare District, Admin.	$924.93	
Public Welfare	990.94	
Old Age Assistance	9,710.92	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	8,140.38	
Old Age Assistance, Admin., U. S. Grant	1.13	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,299.00	
Aid to Dep. Children, U. S. Grant	623.35	
Veterans' Benefits	520.00	
		$23,210.65

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$37,399.89	
J. T. Barker Fund	368.28	
Vocational Education	126.59	
East Parish Library	449.74	
West Parish Library	439.69	
		$38,784.19

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 90 Construction, Washington St.	$9,537.66	
Chap. 81 Maintenance	17,604.05	

Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,492.80	
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,329.13	
Glendale Road	983.81	
Middleton Road	988.30	
Road Machinery Maintenance	856.35	
Street Lighting	598.75	
Snow Removal and Sanding	4,864.09	
		$38,254.94

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	$2,272.32
Community House	106.61
Public Grounds	170.39
Insurance	2,084.95
Town Forest	181.25
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Soldiers' Graves	200.00
Memorial Day	195.30
Contingent Fund	6.50
Clerical	240.00
Withholding Tax Deductions	1,499.35
Schoolhouse Loan	1,000.00
Interest on Loans	10.00
Town Reports	457.50
Essex Sanatorium	823.83
Veterans' Service District	75.00
O.A.A., Legal Fee	50.00
State Parks & Reservations	127.17
State Audit	236.35
County Tax	3,364.05
County Retirement System	938.80
Sarah P. Perley Fund	33.59
Killam-Curtis Burial Lot	15.00
Real Estate Tax Refunds	32.76
Poll Tax Refund	2.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	303.86

Tax Title Redemption	443.00	
Dog Licenses to County	361.00	
		$15,330.58
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$130,120.34

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1950

Assets

Cash: General		$50,420.05
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1947:		
Personal Property		33.15
Levy of 1948:		
Real Estate	$48.72	
Personal Property	37.80	
		86.52
Levy of 1949:		
Poll	2.00	
Real Estate	3,191.35	
Personal Property	509.46	
		3,702.81
Levy of 1950:		
Poll	40.00	
Real Estate	6,818.44	
Personal Property	1,438.92	
		8,297.36
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1949	63.50	
Levy of 1950	3,221.62	
		3,285.12
Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1949	6.72	
Levy of 1950	24.78	
		31.50
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	470.19	
Veterans' Benefits	130.00	
		600.19
Tax Titles		46.69

State & County Aid to Highways:		
Chapter 81 Maintenance	4,821.08	
Chapter 90 Construction	7,500.00	
		12,321.08
Underestimates:		
State Parks & Reservations		31.05
		$78,885.52

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Fund—Cash and Securities	$52,020.57

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1950

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Title	$46.69	
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,285.12	
Departmental Revenue	600.19	
Special Assessment Revenue	31.50	
State & County Aid to Highway Revenue	12,321.08	
		$16,284.58
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1947	33.15	
Levy of 1948	86.52	
Levy of 1949	1,075.50	
Levy of 1950	1,609.02	
		2,804.19
Overlay Surplus: Reserve		6,555.84
Excess and Deficiency		43,297.53
Sale of Lands of Low Value		33.81
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	2,934.03	
Old Age Assistance Administration	587.29	
Aid to Dependent Children	231.14	
Aid to Dep. Children Administration	69.67	
		3,822.13

School Building Committee	2,582.20	
J. T. Barker Fund	891.97	
Road Machinery Fund	1,729.95	
Chapter 90 Construction	462.34	
		5,666.46
Overestimates:		
County Tax		365.78
Dog Licenses		25.20
		$78,855.52

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$29,090.34	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Curtis-Killam Burial Lot Fund	253.75	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,081.20	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	8,012.71	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	865.35	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,217.22	
		$52,020.57

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1950

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$1,050.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$975.00	
Office supplies	24.49	
State & Co. Assoc. dues	19.00	
Total expenditures	$1,018.49	
Balance to revenue	31.51	
	$1,050.00	$1,050.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$300.00	

Clerical	60.00	
Office supplies	7.08	
Total expenditures	$367.08	
Transferred to Insurance	600.00	
Transferred to Aid To Dep. Child.	400.00	
Balance to revenue	132.92	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$1,350.00
Salaries, Assessors	$950.00	
Clerical	203.00	
Abstracts	80.81	
Office supplies	32.78	
Assessors' Assoc. dues	6.00	
Total expenditures	$1,272.59	
Balance to revenue	77.41	
	$1,350.00	$1,350.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$400.00
Salary, Treasurer	$200.00	
Bond	49.50	
Office supplies	37.45	
Rent of safety deposit vault	4.80	
State Association dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$293.75	
Balance to revenue	106.25	
	$400.00	$400.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$400.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$156.00	
Bond	5.00	
Printing	141.00	

Office expense	17.06	
State Assoc. dues	5.00	
Total expenditure	$324.06	
Balance to revenue	75.94	
	$400.00	$400.00
Tax Collector		
Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salary, Tax Collector	$1,200.00	
Bonds	78.50	
Office expenses	120.74	
State Assoc. dues	2.00	
Total expenditure	$1,401.24	
Balance to revenue	98.76	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00
Accountant		
Appropriation		$1,600.00
Salary, Accountant	$1.350.00	
Office equipment	166.85	
Office supplies	38.04	
Total expenditure	$1,554.89	
Balance to revenue	45.11	
	$1,600.00	$1,600.00
Registrars		
Appropriation		$250.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$174.00	
Office expense	12.78	
Total expenditure	$186.78	
Balance to revenue	63.22	
	$250.00	$250.00
Elections		
Appropriation		$500.00

Transfer from Reserve		50.00
Services, Election Officers	$408.00	
Services, Town Clerk	52.00	
Printing and supplies	86.20	
Total expenditure	$546.20	
Balance to revenue	3.80	
	$550.00	$550.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$200.00
Advertising	$7.13	
Transfer to Police	100.00	
Balance to revenue	92.87	
	$200.00	$200.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$350.00
Salaries, Finance Committee	$325.00	
State Assoc. dues	10.00	
Total expenditure	335.00	
Balance to revenue	15.00	
	$350.00	$350.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$100.00
Advertising	$40.13	
Office supplies	30.45	
Total expenditure	70.58	
Balance to revenue	29.42	
	$100.00	$100.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$200.00
Services, Building Inspectors	$142.00	
Office expense	9.80	

Total expenditure	151.80	
Balance to revenue	48.20	
	$200.00	$200.00

Inspector of Wires

Appropriation		$200.00
Services, Wire Inspector	$78.00	
Office expense	7.88	
Total expenditure	85.88	
Balance to revenue	114.12	
	$200.00	$200.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	$500.00	
	$500.00	$500.00

Regional High School Committee

Appropriation		$50.00
Transfer to Public Welfare	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

School Building Committee

Appropriation		$3,000.00
Printing and expense of mailing	$267.80	
Transfer to Veterans' Benefits	150.00	
Balance to 1951	2,582.20	
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$500.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$60.00	
Office supplies	9.13	
Maintenance of dump	12.00	
Hospitalization	287.50	
Total expenditure	368.63	

Balance to revenue	131.37	
	$500.00	$500.00

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital

Appropriation		$823.83
County Assessment, Essex Sanitorium	$823.83	
	$823.83	$823.83

Inspectors of Animals and Slaughtering

Appropriation		$950.00
Transfer from Vocational Education		75.00
Salaries:		
Inspectors of Slaughtering	$958.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
Total expenditure	1,008.00	
Balance to revenue	17.00	
	$1,025.00	$1,025.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$500.00
Transfer from Planning Board		100.00
Services, Police Officers	$490.05	
Supplies	18.00	
Telephone	57.60	
Total expenditures	565.65	
Balance to revenue	34.35	
	$600.00	$600.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Deputy Game Warden

Appropriation	$50.00

Salary, Deputy Game Warden	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$35.00
Salary, Sealer	$25.00	
Office supplies	3.29	
Total expenditure	28.29	
Balance to revenue	6.71	
	$35.00	$35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Janitor service	$200.00	
Labor	205.00	
Equipment	122.89	
Fuel	95.18	
Supplies	108.51	
Repairs	140.33	
Telephone	70.93	
Fire Engineering Subscription	3.00	
Total expenditure	945.84	
Balance to revenue	54.16	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salary, Forest Warden	$132.00	
Labor	368.00	
Hose	386.00	
Janitor service	100.00	
Telephones	358.30	
Supplies	77.03	
Repairs	27.31	
Fuel	50.51	
Total expenditure	1,499.15	

Balance to revenue	.85	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$500.00
Labor	$358.00	
Trucks	32.00	
Cutting large elms	87.45	
Tree Wardens' Assoc. dues	4.00	
Supplies	6.77	
Total expenditure	488.22	
Balance to revenue	11.78	
	$500.00	$500.00

Moth Suppression and Pest Control

Appropriation—Moth		$526.89
Appropriation—Elms		200.00
Appropriation—Pest Control		773.00
Labor—Moth	$427.00	
Truck—Moth	100.00	
Pruning elms	203.80	
Spraying elms	261.10	
Repairs	139.21	
Supplies	21.82	
Total expenditure	1,152.93	
Balance to revenue	346.96	
	$1,499.89	$1,499.89

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$700.00
Transfer from Old Age Assistance		280.00
Transfer from Regional High School Committee		50.00
Transfer from Street Lighting		20.00
Cash	$364.00	
Food	90.00	

Fuel	36.00	
Clothing	43.94	
Medical	52.00	
Nursing care	15.00	
Hospitalization	390.00	
Total expenditure	990.94	
Balance to revenue	59.06	
	$1,050.00	$1,050.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$10,000.00
Cash	$9,642.09	
Other towns	68.83	
Total expenditure	9,710.92	
Transfer to Public Welfare	280.00	
Balance to revenue	9.08	
	$10,000.00	$10,000.00

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1949		$3,577.08
Federal Grants		7,497.33
Cash	$8,140.38	
Balance to 1951	2,934.03	
	$11,074.41	$11,074.41

Old Age Assistance, Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1949		$312.38
Federal Grants		276.04
Office supplies	$1.13	
Balance to 1951	587.29	
	$588.42	$588.42

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	$1,800.00
Transfer from Reserve	100.00
Transfer from Board of Public Welfare	400.00

Cash	$2,299.00	
Balance to revenue	1.00	
	$2,300.00	$2,300.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1949		$264.99
Federal Grants		589.50
Cash	$623.35	
Balance to 1951	231.14	
	$854.49	$854.49

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1948		$42.04
Federal Grants		27.63
Balance to 1951	$69.67	
	$69.67	$69.67

Central Essex Welfare District—Administration

Appropriation		$924.93
Transferred to Welfare District	$924.93	
	$924.93	$924.93

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$500.00
Transfer from School Building Committee		150.00
Cash	$520.00	
Balance to revenue	130.00	
	$650.00	$650.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Labor	$565.00	
Trucks	158.50	
Bulldozer	220.00	
Shovel	96.00	
Horses	4.00	
Power saw	63.25	

Sand and gravel	198.90	
Sheriff and court costs	23.48	
Total expenditure	1,329.13	
Transfer to Town Halls	125.00	
Balance to revenue	45.87	
	$1.500.00	$1,500.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,750.00
State allotment		15,125.00
Labor	$6,924.00	
Trucks	1,997.00	
Tractor	53.75	
Shovel	96.00	
Bulldozer	64.00	
Use of town tools	270.95	
Oil	5,731.19	
Patch	383.65	
Sand and gravel	2,324.04	
Tools	28.17	
Posts	2.25	
	$17,875.00	$17,875.00

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation		$1,000.00
State allotment		500.00
Labor	$358.00	
Trucks	112.50	
Sand	239.76	
Oil	782.54	
Use of town tools	7.20	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Middleton Road

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$246.00	
Trucks	136.50	
Use of town tools	11.70	

Roller	40.00	
Sand and gravel	200.21	
Oil	364.79	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Glendale Road

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$275.00	
Trucks	144.00	
Bulldozer	77.00	
Use of town tools	5.70	
Sand and gravel	215.17	
Oil	272.64	
Total expenditure	989.51	
Balance to revenue	10.49	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Washington Street

Appropriation		$2,500.00
State allotment		5,000.00
County allotment		2,500.00
Labor	$2,773.00	
Trucks	1,154.50	
Shovel	1,644.00	
Roller	270.30	
Grader	265.00	
Bulldozer	72.00	
Power saw	55.25	
Blasting	1,100.00	
Oil	224.31	
Sand and gravel	1,022.13	
Guard rail	626.00	
Pipe	223.64	
Catch basins	107.53	

Total expenditure	9,537.66	
Balance to 1951	462.34	
	$10,000.00	$10,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$5,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		6.29
Labor	$1,996.00	
Trucks	1,104.25	
Trucks and plows	442.50	
Use of town tools	142.20	
Repairs	165.01	
Sand	699.59	
Salt	450.78	
Fuel	5.00	
Telephone	.96	
Total expenditure	5,006.29	$5,006.29

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund		$1,000.00
Labor	$292.00	
Trucks	15.50	
Gasoline and oil	127.84	
Repairs	291.43	
Light	13.14	
Tools	96.66	
Storage	15.00	
Telephone	4.78	
Total expenditure	856.35	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	143.65	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$625.00
Street Lights	$598.75	
Transfer to Public Welfare	20.00	

Balance to revenue	6.25	
	$625.00	$625.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$38,600.00
Refund		2.62
Teachers' Salaries:		
Morse School	$5,028.86	
Aaron-Wood School	5,033.36	
Special teachers	1,127.70	
Substitutes	68.50	
Superintendence:		
Salary	760.00	
Clerk	168.48	
Expense	121.05	
Health:		
Nurse	300.00	
Physician	90.00	
Tuition	11,064.28	
Transportation	7,740.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	999.84	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Committee expense	122.00	
Books	716.81	
Supplies	841.52	
Fuel	1,073.58	
Light	327.81	
Telephones	124.27	
Repairs	1,056.93	
Insurance	600.00	
Grounds	14.90	
Total expenditure	37,399.89	
Balance to revenue	1,202.73	
	$38,602.62	$38,602.62

J. T. Barker Fund

Balance from 1949		$610.25
Interest received from Trustees		$650.00
Tuition, North Andover	$368.28	
Balance to 1951	891.97	
	$1,260.25	$1,260.25

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$300.00
Tuition	$126.59	
Transfer to Inspection	75.00	
Transfer to Town Halls	75.00	
Balance to revenue	23.41	
	$300.00	$300.00

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license refund from County		171.81
Interest from Library funds		77.93
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	$449.74	
	$449.74	$449.74

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license refund from County		171.81
Interest from Library funds		67.88
Books	$128.71	
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	310.98	
	$439.69	$439.69

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation	$1,800.00
Transfer from Town Reports	42.50
Transfer from Interest on Loans	90.00
Transfer from Vocational Education	75.00
Transfer from Morse House	50.00

Transfer from Selectmen's Highway Fund		125.00
Transfer from Reserve		89.82
Janitors	$270.00	
Fuel and light	313.99	
Telephone	148.95	
Repairs	96.14	
Painting Town Hall	1,055.44	
Furnace for Lincoln Hall	380.00	
Removal of ashes, etc.	7.80	
	$2,272.32	$2,272.32

Community House

Appropriation		$100.00
Transfer from Reserve		15.00
Janitor	$78.00	
Light	13.02	
Repairs	15.59	
Total expenditure	106.61	
Balance to revenue	8.39	
	$115.00	$115.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$200.00
Care of public grounds	$170.39	
Balance to revenue	29.61	
	$200.00	$200.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$200.00
Labor	$90.00	
Truck	4.50	
Power saw	15.75	
Hauling gravel	54.00	
Laying pipe	17.00	

Total expenditure	181.25	
Balance to revenue	18.75	
	$200.00	$200.00

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditure	200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$225.00	$225.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor and materials	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$200.00
Music	$150.00	
Refreshments	25.50	
Flags	18.00	
Rope for flag pole	1.80	
Total expenditure	195.30	
Balance to revenue	4.70	
	$200.00	$200.00

Clerical Account

Appropriation		$250.00
Clerical (all depts.)	$240.00	

Balance to revenue	10.00	
	$250.00	$250.00
Insurance		
Appropriation		$1,500.00
Transfer from Board of Public Welfare		600.00
Insurance Policies:		
Fire	$101.14	
Compensation	877.28	
Liability	791.38	
Volunteer Firemen	112.50	
Fire & Theft, Motor Vehicles	63.65	
Boiler	139.00	
Total expenditure	2,084.95	
Balance to revenue	15.05	
	$2,100.00	$2,100.00
Interest on Loans		
Appropriation		$100.00
Interest on Schoolhouse loan	$10.00	
Transfer to Town Halls	90.00	
	$100.00	$100.00
Town Reports		
Appropriation		$500.00
Town Reports	$457.50	
Transfer to Town Halls	42.50	
	$500.00	$500.00
Morse House		
Appropriation		$100.00
Transfer to Town Halls	$50.00	
Balance to revenue	50.00	
	$100.00	$100.00
Contingent Fund		
Appropriation		$500.00
Refund from County		6.50

Dog Officer expense	$6.50	
Balance to revenue	500.00	
	$506.50	$506.50
Reserve Fund		
Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$500.00
Transfer to Aid to Dep. Children	$100.00	
Transfer to Elections	50.00	
Transfer to Community House	15.00	
Transfer to Town Halls	89.82	
Transfer to Snow Removal	6.29	
Total transfers	261.11	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	238.89	
	$500.00	$500.00

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA C. PERLEY
Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1950 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1950		$41,142.20
S. S. Pearl, Tax Collector	$76,040.36	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	20,270.75	
Education	8,756.59	
Taxes	12,555.84	
Old Age Assist., grants & refunds	15,444.99	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants & refunds	1,404.97	
Veterans' Benefits refund	205.75	
Animals Inspection refund	25.00	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 & 133	13.00	
County of Essex:		
Dog License refund	343.62	
Trust Funds, income	910.81	
Departmental receipts	124.35	
Licenses and permits	857.40	

Income from town property	428.50	
Waste paper and junk	16.66	
Withholding Tax account	1,499.35	
Tax Title redemption	443.00	
Court Fine	5.00	
Property damages	42.48	
Telephone refunds	.65	
Departmental refunds	9.12	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		139,398.19
		$180,540.39
Disbursements:		
Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen		130,120.34
Balance December 31, 1950		$50,420.05

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements see report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $13,650.00:

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$6,500.00
7,150 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2⅞'s, 60/65	7,150.00
	$13,650.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$5,550.57
Interest for the year 1950	139.62
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$5,690.19

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks

as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$106.75
Interest for the year 1950	2.13
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$108.88
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$9.044.91
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	368.07
Savings Bank interest for 1950	228.29
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$9,641.27

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank are United States Treasury Bonds as follows:

$2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds reg. 2½'s, 69/64	$2,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 71/66	3,000.00
2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 1½'s, 50/45	2,000.00
	$7,000.00

Interest from these bonds is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$836.22
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	155.00
Savings Bank interest for 1950	21.49
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$1,012.71

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$2,040.20
Interest for the year 1950	41.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$2,081.20

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$262.53
Interest for the year 1950	6.22
	$268.75

Withdrawn	15.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$253.75

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$2,000.00
Interest for the year 1950	40.20
	$2,040.20
Withdrawn	40.20
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$2,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1950	37.73
	$1,537.73
Withdrawn	37.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1950	30.15
	$1,530.15
Withdrawn	30.15
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1950	37.73
	$1,537.73
Withdrawn	37.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$1,500.00

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$844.12
Interest for the year 1950	21.23
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$865.35

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1950	$1,187.35
Interest for the year 1950	29.87
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$1,217.22

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1950

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 11474	$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Bank Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of Fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above Fund has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$25.00
Danvers Savings Bank	50.00
Salem Savings Bank	25.00
Total	$100.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST
JOHN T. CHADWICK
HARRY E. TRASK
Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,
Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1947		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1950	$52.21	
Interest collected	5.96	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$19.06
Interest		5.96
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951		33.15
	$58.17	$58.17
TAXES—1948		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1950	$5,011.21	
Interest collected	312.54	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$4,363.57
Personal Property		561.12
Interest		312.54
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951		86.52
	$5,323.75	$5,323.75
TAXES—1949		
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1950	$11,319.87	
Interest and costs collected	157.06	
Real Estate refunds	32.76	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	16.12	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$5,203.12
Personal Property		597.24
Poll		22.00
Classified Forest Land		14.91
Motor Vehicle Excise		1,683.90
Interest and costs		157.06
Abatements:		

Poll		12.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		62.55
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951		3,773.03
	$11,525.81	$11,525.81

TAXES—1950

Real Estate Commitments	$54,882.66	
Personal Property Commitment	9,209.34	
Poll Tax Commitment	640.00	
Classified Forest Land Commitment	173.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	10,641.11	
Interest collected	5.30	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	287.74	
Poll Tax refund	2.00	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$47,348.05
Personal Property		7,770.42
Poll		546.00
Classified Forest Land		148.47
Motor Vehicle Excise		7,281.64
Interest		5.30
Abatements:		
Poll		56.00
Real Estate		716.17
Motor Vehicle Excise		425.59
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951		11,543.76
	$75,841.40	$75,841.40

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$56,933.80
Personal Property	8,928.78
Poll	568.00
Classified Forest Land	163.38
Motor Vehicle Excise	8,965.54
Interest and costs	480.86
Paid to Treasurer	$76,040.36

Respectfully submitted,
SIMEON S. PEARL,
Collector

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

In compliance with the By-laws of the town, the Selectmen present the following report for the year ending December 31, 1950.

The amount contributed by the State for highways under Chapter 81 Maintenance was $15,125.00 and the town appropriated $2,750.00, making a total amount of $17,875.00 spent under the supervision of the State Department of Public Works. The town appropriated $1,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance and $500.00 was contributed by the State. This money was used to resurface Georgetown Road.

At the annual March town meeting the sum of $2,500.00 was appropriated for the continuation of the reconstruction of Washington Street, a like amount was contributed by the County and $5,000.00 by the State. With this amount about 1,000 feet of highway was relocated and rebuilt with the exception of the final surface treatment due to lack of funds. This project necessitated the taking of a small area of private land for which the sum of $50.00 was allowed.

Owing to various unsettled conditions in the town and the country as a whole at the time when application for State funds had to be made and also the fact that the expense per foot for the next section would be excessive, it seemed best to your Board of Selectmen to suspend further improvement of Washington Street for one year at least and ask for a smaller appropriation which might be used to better advantage elsewhere. We are now recommending improvement to a section of Topsfield Road to eliminate some of the curves north of the section to be reconstructed by the State.

As voted at the annual town meeting, a section of Glendale Road has been rebuilt and oiled. Also the unoiled section of Middleton Road has been completed.

The housing development on Cross Road seemed to warrant some improvement to the highway, consequently funds were made available to surface and oil this street.

During the year a much needed coat of paint was applied to the Town Hall and the adjacent Fire House.

The old furnace in Lincoln Hall which was installed when the hall was built, in 1913, was beyond repair and has been replaced this year by a new steel furnace at a cost of $380.00.

Use of the Community House has been granted for a Nursery School. Some minor repairs have been made and others are in progress.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board held no meetings until September when the board convened to discuss a proposed sub-division of the property of Arthur A. Auger. Several minor changes were suggested to make the plan conform to the zoning by-law, and Mr. Auger agreed to make the changes. A public hearing was held in Lincoln Hall on December 18, 1950, and on February 9, 1951 the Planning Board approved his plan for a sub-division, subject to certain restrictions to safeguard the town.

The Planning Board was very capably represented on the School Building Committee by Charles Cotton, who gave freely of his time and energy along with the other members of that committee. After attending various meetings where the school expansion plans were freely discussed, a majority of the members of the Plannng Board felt that a central school offered the best solution to the school problem from a long range point of view.

The Planning Board inserted two articles in the warrant for the special town meeting of November 30 as follows: to see what action the town would take with regard to the time of the annual town meeting, and to see what action the town would take with regard to the time of its annual election. The

town voted to change the time of the annual town meeting from the afternoon to the evening with the annual election to be held on the following day. It was also voted to allow absentee voting in town elections.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH L. KELSEY
CHARLES L. COTTON
SIMEON S. PEARL
J. WARREN CHADWICK
ROSAMOND PRICE
E. LAURENCE COLBY
ALBERT G. GALE

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

DR. WINTHROP P. HAYNES, President
MILTON E. LORD, Vice President
ESTHER K. PERLEY, Secretary
MARY A. HERRICK, Treasurer

CHARLES L. ATKINS — MARGARET LANE
SETH L. KELSEY — ROBERT B. PARKHURST
PROF. FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

The circulation of books for the year is as follows:

Non-fiction	Adult	692	Juvenile	160
Fiction	Adult	1746	Juvenile	1066

Total circulation—3,664 volumes.

These figures do not include book deposits at the public schools. The average circulation is approximately 305 books and 50 magazines per month.

By purchase and gift, 365 new books were added to the shelves. The total book collection is now 10,354.

There were 49 State Reading Certificates awarded and 5 Honor Certificates.

The Library Association has tried to meet the special interests of the community not only by supplying books on all subjects, but also by having the Library used as a meeting place for various groups. Classes in tray painting under the

direction of Mrs. Franklin C. Roberts were held Wednesday and Thursday evenings from January to April. Books of especial value to these classes were purchased by the Library. Several foods sales were held for the benefit of various organizations in the town. The Library chairs were loaned for many occasions.

At the annual meeting of the Trustees it was voted that some recordings should be purchased by the Library. Many other libraries are offering this method of approach to bring added interest in the use of library materials.

Suggestions which will aid in the development of the Library will be welcomed by the Library Association.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. PERLEY
Secretary

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

OFFICERS

DR. WALTER R. INGALLS, President
MRS. ALEXANDER PRICE, Vice President
MISS RUBY F. NASON, Secretary
MR. E. LAURENCE COLBY, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Dr. Walter R. Ingalls, Chairman
Mr. John T. Chadwick Mr. F. Willard Pearl

During 1950 new books added to the library totaled 217, making the number of volumes now in the collection 7,654.

A new World Book Encyclopedia, of which we are very proud, was purchased and persented by Dr. Walter R. Ingalls.

Magazines are very popular with our borrowers and for their convenience we subscribed to several new ones at the beginning of the year.

Library records show that 2,987 books and magazines were circulated and were as follows:

Adult fiction	1,152	Adult non-fiction	1,063
	Juvenile	772	

A deposit of books for the use of the 3rd and 4th grades

was kept at the Gardner Morse School from September to June.

A series of lectures on the United Nations were held at the library during the spring and were well attended.

The Library Fund drive netted the sum of $82.45. This money was collected by a house to house canvass.

Again the Library Association wishes to express its appreciation to all those who in any way assisted with the work of the library during the year 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS
Librarian

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

This is a report on the activities of the Boxford Police Department for the year 1950:

Classification	*No. of Cases*
Summonses served	11
Larceny	6
Camp breaks	12
Auto accidents	6
Various complaints	12
Arrests	5
Court appearances	6
Legal notices posted	3
Stolen car recovered	1
Accidental shooting	1
Registry requests	7

Except for an unusual number of camp breaks this was a quiet year for the Boxford Police Department. Through the fall we received considerable help from the State Police which was greatly appreciated in checking and patroling the camp areas.

Traffic patrols were maintained as often as possible throughout the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
NATHANIEL N. LOVE, JR.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Pay Roll	$205.00
Supplies and Equipment	371.71
Fuel	95.18
Janitor	200.00
Telephone	70.93
Subscription	3.00
Total	$945.82
Unexpended balance	54.18
Appropriation	$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH
Fire Warden

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Pay Roll	$368.00
Salary	132.00
Janitor	100.00
Supplies and Equipment	490.34
Fuel	50.51
Telephone	358.30
Total	$1,499.15

Unexpended balance	.85
Appropriation	$1,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

A new gravel road was constructed through a small section of swamp land and pipe laid at the low point which will now give an approach to all sections of the Town Forest from the highway.

Some selective cutting was done and brush cleared along wood roads to make them more accessible in case of fire.

About two cords of wood sold for $18.00, and of the $200.00 appropriated, $181.25 was used for the above work leaving an unexpended balance of $18.75.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS
MRS. WINTHROP P. HAYNES
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

A number of dead trees were removed during the year including the elm in front of the Historical House which was topped previous to this year.

Due to the hurricane there was a great deal of trimming and necessary removal of trees done, and because of that storm there is still a considerable amount of work left to do.

The expenditures of the department were as follows:

Labor	$258.00
Services of tree experts	219.45
Supplies	6.77
Miscellaneous expense	4.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

During the past year all highways in both ends of the town were sprayed with special attention being given to the elms.

The State Department of Conservation, with the aid of all local moth superintendents, is carrying on an extensive study in regard to the elm tree situation. Disposal of all dead elm tree wood will help considerably toward the control of the problem of saving our elms.

The total expenditures for moth suppression and for Elm Tree Pest Control were $1,152.93.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the year 1950 there have been reported to the Board of Health 4 cases of chicken pox, 7 cases of dog bite and one case of spinal meningitis. This constitutes a very good health record for the town.

Application was made to the Appeal Board for a permit to remove gravel from the town dump property. This was granted and excavation started, using the gravel on the highways and creating a much better place for dumping rubbish.

Six licenses were granted for recreational camps which passed inspection by the State Department of Public Health.

Due to lack of funds and personnel, the testing of private water supplies can be made only in emergency cases.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Health

REPORT OF CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Operation of the Central Essex Welfare District commenced in April of 1950. This Agency, through its office in Middleton, performs the administrative and investigative

functions for the Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children programs of the Towns of Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield. The District is conducted under the supervision of the Boards of Public Welfare of the respective Towns and the Agent makes a quarterly report to each local Board at a Board Meeting.

The Agent is available each Thursday for interviews in the Town Hall and makes the proper visits to determine continuing eligibility.

The average number of active O.A.A. cases in 1950 was twenty-two (22); Total expense $17,851.20. Two (2) A.D.C. cases were active in 1950; Total expense $2,992.35.

Federal grants received in 1950 totaled $8,086.83.

We wish to express our appreciation to the officials of the Town who have extended the hand of cooperation to us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. POWERS
Welfare Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Boxford:

The expense of General Relief for the year 1950 was $990.94 which is approximately 50% higher than in 1949.

A welfare district which is known as the Central Essex Welfare District was formed during 1950 to take charge of the Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children programs. It is the first district to be formed in this section of Massachusetts and is, we think, working out very satisfactorily for the three towns, Middleton, Topsfield and Boxford, which combined to form the district.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

During the year 1950 there were 23 permits issued, 9 for new construction valued at $52,500.00, 5 for repairs and remodeling at a value of $2,550.00, 5 for additions at a value of $5,700.00 and 4 garages valued at $2,800.00. The total value of construction for the year 1950 was $63,550.00.

There were 4 special permits issued by the Board of Appeals for the year 1950.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY W. NASON
Building Inspector

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen of Boxford:

All money collected for dog licenses has been turned over to the town clerk.

There are only a few licenses still uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES P. GRAY
Dog Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED	
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves
January	75	245	10	1	4
February	73	221	3	0	5
March	78	283	10	1 head	4
April	70	188	2	0	4
May	85	147	3	0	6
June	58	137	14	0	1
July	65	183	2	0	1
August	64	181	11	0	5
September	60	211	3	1	9
October	57	201	10	1	0

November	53	164	22	0	2
December	78	188	24	1	0
Total	816	2,349	114	4	41
				1 head	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FOSTER
ALBERT R. FROST
Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen
Boxford, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year 1950, I submit the following report:

The yearly inspection of all premises where cattle and horses are kept has been done in accordance with direction of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control.

Number of bovine animals	245
Number of horses	14
Number of swine	18

No cases of dogs suspected of rabies have been reported to me.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. GREENLER, D. V. M.,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

From May 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950

Permits issued	24
Inspections	40
Expenses:	
Telephone	$2.88

Office expenses	5.00
Salary	78.00
Total	$85.88

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

During 1950 I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Gasoline Meters	6
Grease Measuring Pumps	3
Kerosene Pumps	1
Liquid Measures	1
Platform Scales	2
Beam Scales	1
Computing Scales	1
Spring Scales	8

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

	North Andover	Boxford	Total
Balances carried over from 1949	$227.62	$37.15	$264.77
Appropriated in 1950, Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946 raised by Assessors in 1950 Tax Levy	600.00	75.00	675.00
Total	$827.62	$112.15	$939.77
Expended to December 31, 1950 (A)	667.36	93.69	761.05
Balance December 31, 1950	$160.26	$18.46	$178.72

(A) Basis of Apportionment, Chapter 559, Acts of 1945,

an Act establishing the basis of apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00 — Percent	.8769
Boxford	1,317,222.00 — Percent	.1231

JAMES. J. MAKER,
District Treasurer

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$720.00
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. (Services)	32.55
Veterans' Information Service, Frank Ostlin, Director, Moline, Illinois (Veterans' Laws)	6.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer's Bond)	2.50
Total	$761.05

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
Agent

REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER—BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

The following cases were assisted during 1950:

Discharge (copy)	14
Discharge (recorded)	3
State Bonus	3
Notarization	15
Taxes	4
Burial	1
VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION	
Compensation	14
Pensions	8
Education, training, rehabilitation	7
Hospitalization	10
Insurance	8
Insurance (dividend)	5
Medical—dental	5

Respectfully submitted,
BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
District Director

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS

of the

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 25, 1949

TO FEBRUARY 13, 1950

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

June 28, 1950

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston, Mass.

June 28, 1950

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Harry L. Cole, Chairman
Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an aduit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from February 25, 1949 to February 13, 1950, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from February 25, 1949, the date of the previous audit, to February 13, 1950, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and verified by comparison with the reports and records in the office of the town accountant.

The town accountant's books were examined and compared with the records of the several departments. The payments as recorded in the ledger were verifid by comparison with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds, and the receipts were checked with the treasurer's records.

An analysis was made of the ledger and the appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's record of appropriations and with the transfers authorized by vote of the town. The transfers from the reserve fund were checked with the finance committee's records.

A trial balance was drawn off proving the ledger accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on February 13, 1950 was prepared and is herewith appended.

The books and accounts in the town treasurer's office were examined and checked in detail. The receipts as recorded were analyzed and checked with the records of depart-

mental payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which the town received money, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing disbursement of town funds and with the books of the town accountant.

The cash balance on February 13, 1950 was proved by reconciling the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Jonahan Tyler Barker Free School Fund were examined and listed, the income and transfers to the town being verified.

The debt and interest payments were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due, the cancelled securities representing such payments being verified.

The record of tax titles held by the town was examined and checked with the deeds on file. The amount added to the tax title account was compared with collector's records and the tax titles on hand were listed, proved, and checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The records of payroll deductions for federal taxes were checked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue were verified, and the balance in the general treasury was proved.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitment lists of poll and property taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and assessments were analyzed and the totals were proved with the assessors' warrants authorizing their collection. The taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination were also audited, the payments to the treasurer, abatements, and additions to the tax title account being verified, and the outstanding accounts being listed and proved.

Verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of receipts on account of dog and sporting licenses issued were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified, and the cash on hand being proved.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned, the records of all other departments wherein money is collected for the town or in which charges originate were examined and checked in detail.

The surety bonds furnished by the several officials were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet referred to, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and collector's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition of the various trust funds in the custody of the treasurer and trustees.

During the progress of the aduit cooperation was received from all officials, for which I wish, on behalf of my assisants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

Town of Boxford—BALANCE SHEET—February 13, 1950

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			
Cash:			
In Bank and Office			$47,753.79
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1947:			
Personal Property	$33.15		
Real Estate	19.06		
		$52.21	
Levy of 1948:			
Personal Property	$493.92		
Real Estate	4,193.85		
		4,687.77	
Levy of 1949:			
Poll	$22.00		
Personal Property	1,039.50		
Real Estate	7,261.16		
		8,322.66	
			$13,062.64
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			
Levy of 1949			$656.56
Special Assessments:			
Classified Forest Land 1949			21.63
Tax Titles			46.69

Liabilities and Reserves		
Federal Withholding Taxes		$34.60
Dog Licenses—Due County		26.60
Sale of Lands of Low Value		33.81
Road Machinery Fund		2,190.05
Trust Fund Income:		
Sarah P. Perley Fund	$33.59	
Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund	610.25	
		643.84
Overestimates:		
Audit of Municipal Accounts		259.94
Federal Grants:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Aid	$147.14	
Administration	44.78	
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance	2,661.91	
Administration	338.93	
		3,392.76
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		5,825.71
Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1947	$52.21	
Levy of 1948	1,058.70	

Departmental:			Levy of 1949	1,087.50	
Aid to Dependent Children	$558.66				2,198.41
Old Age Assistance—State	1,240.15		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Veterans' Services	75.75		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$656.56	
		1,874.56	Special Assessment	21.63	
Underestimates:			Tax Title	46.69	
State Parks and Reservations			Departmental	1,874.56	
Assessments 1949	$31.01				2,599.44
Couunty Tax 1949	496.31		Estimated Receipts Collected		2,070.30
County Tuberculosis Hospital			Surplus Revenue		50,427.51
Assessment 1949	43.88				
		571.20			
Expenditures in Anticipation of					
Appropriations		5,715.90			
		$69,702.97			$69,702.97
		DEBT ACCOUNTS			
Net Funded or Fixed Debt		$1,000.00	Schoolhouse Loan		$1,000.00
		TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS			
Trust and Investment Funds:			Town Farm Fund		$28,352.23
Cash and Securities:			East Parish Library Fund		3,500.00
In Custody of Town Treasurer		$51,007.65	East Parish Library Cote Fund		1,187.35
In Custody of Trustees		28,630.55	West Parish Library Fund		3,000.00
			Town School Fund		4,000.00
			Sarah P. Perley Fund		2,040.20
			Curtis and Killam Cemetery Fund		247.53
			Boxford Visiting Nurse Association Fund		844.12
			Post-War Rehabilitation Fund		7,836.22
			Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund		28,630.55
		$79,638.20			$79,638.20

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

James Pierce, Chairman	Term Expires 1952
Archibald L. Trull	Term Expires 1953
Helen E. Chadwick	Term Expires 1951

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson, Ed.M.
Jackson Way, Georgetown
Telephone Georgetown 3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Lloyd M. Horlick, M.D.
Boxford Village, Mass.
Leroy T. Stokes, M.D.
West Boxford, Mass.

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Boxford
Clayton Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grades or Subjects*
Dorothy Eade Carver	Morse	1-2-3
Gladys E. McPherson	Aaron-Wood	5-6
Lelia Millay	Aaron-Wood	1-2
Ruth Morin	Morse School	3-4
Monte Nelson		Music Supervisor
Esther Osman		Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Annual Report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1950 is hereby submitted.

The School Committee has devoted a great deal of its time during the year to work as members of the School Building Committee. Due mainly to the fact that a large number of citizens felt that this was not a good time to embark upon a school building program, the bond issue required for the construction of a new central elementary school was not approved by the Town. Therefore, we are still faced with the problem of housing an ever-increasing school population and of reducing the number of grades per teacher to one. We are still firmly convinced that it would be fool-hardy from a long-range financial viewpoint for the Town to add to its present school buildings as such additions will only solve the problem for a few years and will be very costly to the Town. Further, the present schools, even with additions, would not make it possible to have one grade per teacher in all grades without undue shuttling of the younger children. This conviction is the result of many months of extensive study of the elementary school problem and of many consultations with experts in the field of education.

Even in the brief time that has elapsed since the School Building Committee made its report to the Town, our elementary school population has been steadily increasing and we now anticipate an enrollment of at least 115 in the first six grades by September 1951, an increase of approximately 20% over our September enrollment. We must, therefore, have one additional classroom available by September of this year. The School Committee will, therefore, ask the Town for a special appropriation of $3,500.00 at the annual meeting for the purpose of renovating the Community House in the East Parish into a temporary classroom. In order to properly heat and ventilate the building and to eliminate the fire hazard occasioned by the oil-burning space heater currently in use, it will be necessary to insulate the building and to install a small furnace and oil-burner. Although we realize that this expenditure will only porvide a temporary classroom, we would rather recommend an expenditure of this

sum of money than the expenditure of a sum ten or twelve times as great for the construction of a new classroom which also would not meet the needs of the Town permanently.

During the past year, the Committee has only authorized essential maintenance work on the school buildings while awaiting action by the Town on the proposals submitted by the School Building Committee. We have been able to turn back to the Town a good portion of the funds budgeted for maintenance in 1950. However, we will not be able to delay other maintenance work any longer and plan to complete such items as the interior painting of both schools during 1951.

There has been only one change in our teaching staff during the past year. Mr. Monte Nelson of Swampscott has assumed the duties of Music Supervisor, succeeding Mrs. Camille Lacey. Mr. Nelson has done an excellent job and the Committee is pleased at the progress and enthusiasm shown by the pupils under his supervision.

Most of our regular teachers are presently enrolled in extension courses given by Boston University in Haverhill and we feel that these courses have been valuable to them.

Our 1951 budget shows an increase of $2,279.00 over our budget for the previous year. This increase is largely due to the necessity of hiring an additional teacher in September and to the fact that we have granted salary increases to all of our present teachers in line with the practice of all towns in the school union. Also, a larger school enrollment will result in higher tuition expenditures and the use of an additional classroom will result in higher maintenance and operating costs.

For reports on other aspects of the schools, we invite your attention to the report of the Superintendent of Schools and other special reports which follow.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. PIERCE, Chairman
HELEN E. CHADWICK
ARCHIBALD L. TRULL, Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

My annual report as superintendent of schools for the year ending December 31, 1951 is herewith submitted:

A year ago I called your attention to the increasing enrollment of our schools and the growing need for additional classrooms. When arrangements were made to tuition our seventh and eighth grade pupils to Andover we were able to reorganize our schools so as to reduce the number of grades per room to two. Because of the large number of third and fourth grade pupils in September, 1950, it was necessary to place some of the third grade pupils with the first and second grades at West Boxford. This arrangement is not a desirable one.

Careful investigation of the number of pupils to enter our schools in the next four years, based on the number of pre-school children now living in Boxford, indicates that we can expect our present enrollment to continue to grow. Because of the increased enrollment expected in September, 1951, I recommend that the Community House be restored as a classroom in our school system and that an additional teacher be obtained.

The teaching staff of our schools remains the same as a year ago with but one exception. In September, 1950 Mr. Monte Nelson of Swampscott replaced Mrs. Camille Lacey as Music Supervisor. Mr. Nelson is an accomplished pianist who studied at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Boxford is fortunate in having teachers who are well trained and who have had considerable teaching experience. Teaching combination grades and large classes demands capable and experienced teachers if we are to maintain high standards. Boxford teachers make a special effort to acquaint themselves with modern methods and devices through reading of current educational materials and taking courses.

The progress of Boxford pupils in secondary schools of other towns continues to be on a high level. Marks received by our pupils indicate that the elementary schools of Boxford have prepared them well for secondary school work and that many of these boys and girls should be qualified

for admission to college at the completion of secondary school.

While our present buildings do not provide an adequate number of classrooms they are structually sound. Now that the town has decided not to construct a consolidated school the classrooms at the Morse School should be repainted in accord with recommendations of color dynamics experts and such other maintenance work, proposed a year ago, should be done.

In closing, I express my appreciation to the Committee, teachers, custodians and others who have cooperated during the past year in furthering the educational opportunities of the boys and girls of Boxford.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I herewith submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending 1950.

The Aaron-Wood and Morse Schools are on a very definite schedule of music. In the four months that I have been associated with your educational department, I have made every attempt to develop a keener understanding and appreciation for music among the grade students. That, in my opinion, is the very foundation for good singing. Consequently, the students are now eager to sing and anxious to learn the correct way to sing.

Rote and Note-reading both are employed in the early grades. However, more emphasis is placed on note-reading in the third and fourth grades to prepare these students for singing two and three part music when they reach the fifth and sixth grades.

Special attention has been given to those students who find it difficult to sing in pitch. Good results have been made.

I have put aside a little time from each class that I attend

for a course on music appreciation. This has resulted in a wider interest among the students for classical music.

Much work lies ahead and new plans are being prepared to make 1951 a very progressive year from a musical standpoint for the students of Boxford.

I will welcome any suggestions that you think will be of interest to me.

To Mr. William Johnson, Supt. of Schools and members of the School Committee, I wish to thank you both for your cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

MONTE NELSON,
Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Art for the year ending December 31, 1950.

In January, February and March all grades made posters, sports of the season, kindness to animals and birds and subjects correlated with studies were illustrated with cut-outs, paints and crayons. Posters were sent in to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Annual Poster Contest and prizes were awarded to each grade that entered. Special lessons for Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays and Valentine pictures and cut-outs.

In April, May and June the art work continues along with their studies, sand table projects, borders and illustrations. Special lessons on Safety and spring activities. Easter parades, poster cut-outs and illustrations, cards and gifts for Mother's Day, Memorial Day illustrations and May baskets.

In September and October all the grades studied color with figure drawing and illustration. Special lessons for Columbus Day and Halloween masks, posters and illustrations. In November and December decorations for windows, rooms and trees. Thanksgiving and Christmas activities illustrated.

Work was continually exhibited in all the class rooms

throughout the year with a special exhibit at the Morse School in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER OSMAN,
Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I herewith submit my report as School Physician for the year ending 1950.

Physical Examinations of all pupils in West Boxford have been completed. They are usually free from nasal obstruction, and diseased tonsils. No cases of deafness or of discharging ears. No deformities but a few cases of fatigue posture, easily corrected by proper exercise. Teeth, with but few exceptions, are well cared for and show extensive dental work.

Nutrition is exceptionally good. Two heart murmurs were found, one of which is a severe congenital heart. The other case, functional, which can be disregarded as it will improve with growth.

No nervous disorders or mental defects.

Cooperation of teachers and School Nurse were most satisfactory. Parents were very accommodating, especially in giving permission for diphtheria booster innoculations, which have been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY T. STOKES, M.D.
School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as School Physician for the year ending December 31, 1950.

During the fall of 1950, all the pupils of the East Box-

ford School were subjected to a physical examination and none showed any findings worthy of noting.

Shortly after the completion of the physical examinations, each pupil received a booster injection of Diphtheria Toxoid.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD M. HORLICK, M.D.
School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as School Nurse for the year ending December, 1950.

This year the physical examinations were conducted by Dr. Leroy Stokes in the Gardner Morse School and Dr. Lloyd Horlick at the Aaron-Wood School.

Considerable emphasis was placed on cavities of the teeth and notices were sent to parents.

Interest by parents in diphtheria immunization was shown by the fact that 42 pupils were given booster doses and only two pupils entering school received initial immunization.

Defective eyesight was discovered in six pupils late this fall, with two already having had remedial treatment.

I wish to thank the parents, teachers, school physicians for their cooperation in a sound school health program.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BARNARD, R.N.
School Nurse

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Marshall Brisbois Jane Gamble

Paul C. Killam

Juniors

Nancy Childs
David Killam
James Tagg
Johan Titus
Walter Woodburn

Sophomores

Arlene Brisbois
Jeanne Garry
Charles Killam
Robert Woodburn

Freshmen

Marjorie Killam
Diana Tagg
Calvin Titus

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Judith Owen	Grade 3	Priscilla Owen	Grade 6
Sandra Nolan	Grade 5	Bruce Garry	Grade 8
J. Scott Nolan	Grade 5	Eleanor Swanson	Grade 8
Judith Melzard	Grade 5		

PUPILS ATTENDING OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS

Name	*School*	*Grade*
Jack Pearl	Johnson H. S.	12
James Troop	Perley H. S.	12

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING PUNCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Virginia Leman

Juniors

Roger Chadwick
Helen Doucette
Barbara L. Hook
Charlotte Kelley
Donald Millay
Barbara Nancy Pearl
Ronald Shaw

Sophomores

Marcia Cotton
James Gemmell
Gail Goddard
Donald Gould
Daniel Greco
Raymond LeBel
Mary Lord
Carol Pratt
Frederick Shaw
Eugene J. Vincent

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 9

Eleanor Doucette
Gloria Dupois
David Emery
Elaine Hopping
Irene LeBel
Gabrielle Pierce
Barbara Perkins
Daniel Shaw
Pamela Kimball

Grade 8

Joan Houldsworth
Anne Lord
Anne Nelson
Meredythe Osgood
Sarah Paisley
Eugene Russell
Valerie Shaw
Beverly Spofford
John Baer

Grade 7

Mary Alice Baer
Josephine Furnari
Marjorie Gould
William Greenler
George Hopping
Park Palmer

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1950

Morse School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	0	7	7	10	—	—	24
Girls	4	3	18	8	—	—	33
	4	10	25	18	0	0	57

Aaron-Wood

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	4	3	—	—	8	4	19
Girls	3	7	—	—	5	7	22
	7	10	0	0	13	11	41

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-15	16 or over	Totals
Boys	12	53	15	80
Girls	16	86	4	106
Totals	28	139	19	186

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BUDGET—1951

Administration		
Superintendent's Salary	$780.00	
Superintendent's Transportation	90.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	215.00	
		$1,085.00
Teacher's Salaries		
Regular	$11,340.00	
Special	1,119.00	
Substitute	360.00	
		$12,819.00
Health		
Physician	$250.00	
Nurse	300.00	
Supplies	60.00	
		$610.00
Tuition		$12,500.00
Transportation		7,800.00
Janitors		1,000.00
Attendance Supervisors		20.00
Books and Supplies		750.00
Fuel and Electricity		1,500.00
Telephones		125.00
Maintenance		2,070.00
Insurance		600.00
Total for Schools		$40,879.00
Vocational Education		300.00
Total		$41,179.00
Estimated 1951 State Reimbursement		$13,743.33
Estimated Net Local Cost		$27,435.67

REIMBURSEMENTS ON 1950 ACCOUNT

	Estimated 1951 Reimbursements	1950 Reimbursements
Chapter 643, Acts of 1948	$5,083.33	$5,213.33

Union Supt. of Schools	560.00	544.75
All School Transportation	6,950.00	6,975.00
Tuition and Trans. of State Wards	1,150.00	1,224.84
Retirement Board Fund		2.62
Vocational		12.00
	$13,743.33	$13,972.54
	1951 Budget	**1950 Budget**
Total Schools and Vocational	$41,179.00	$38,900.00
Reimbursements	13,743.33	13,972.54
Net Local Costs	$27,435.67	$24,927.54
Net Increase	$2,508.21	

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1950

The proposed budget for the year 1951 has been studied and each item therein considered. It is worthy of note that among the requests for increased appropriations are those concerning insurance, charities, and schools. It is common knowledge that the costs of living, and—by the same token—government, have increased considerably over the past years. In essence, this would explain for-the-most-part the increased school budget and insurance program for the town. (Please read carefully the report of the School Committee).

As regards the items of Public Welfare, Old Age Assistance, and Veterans' Benefits, your Finance Committee is deeply concerned with the ever-mounting costs thereof. (By law, local officials have little or no control over these matters). That Finance Committees and officials of other towns are experiencing a similar concern should be mentioned. It is this same concern which brings before the current session of the State Legislature a bill—House No. 1468. Watch its progress! It is our understanding that this proposed law would enable towns to create certain committees to investigate and study the relative merits of each charity case, so-called. Reports and recommendations would be made to the local Board of Public Welfare accordingly. Perhaps some relief will be realized if this proposed legislation does become law.

Our grammar school question has not been solved. The School Building Committee has worked assiduously since the date of its formation. Its efforts have not been fruitless. At least, it can be said that all citizens are now (or should be) aware of an impending space problem. It becomes necessary to improvise immediately. You will find an article in the Town Warrant requesting an appropriation of $3,500.00 for adapting the Community House to such space needs. We respectfully report favorably upon the subject article.

Once again we wish to state that all officials of the town cooperated in making successful a "pay-as-you-go" program for the past year. With this same basic theme, each department has submitted its request for specific appropriations. We recommend acceptance of the budget for 1951 as proposed.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR., Chairman
DIMON LOCKWOOD
WALTER MORSS
Finance Committee

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Monday, the ~~fifth~~ day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the improvement of Washington Street; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 for the improvement of Topsfield Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 7. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To appropriate $288.11 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 9. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed $7,000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1951 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59, of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To take such action as may be deemed best in regard to making roads passable when encumbered with snow.

Article 12. To determine when the taxes shall be committed to the Collector, also the manner of collecting same.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $2,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Aritcle 16. To see if the town will vote to rescind, nullify, alter, amend or otherwise act upon its vote of December 27, 1950, approving the construction of a central elementary school under Article I of the Special Town Meeting of that date.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to rescind, nullify, alter, amend or otherwise act upon its vote of December 27, 1950, continuing the present School Building Committee under Article III of the Special Town Meeting of that date.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 to be used by the School Committee for the improvement of the Community House in the East Parish, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 to continue the improvement of Glendale Road to the North Andover town line, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Spofford Road, or take any action in the matter.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the improvement of Main Street from Kimball's Pond toward West Boxford, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and ap-

propriate the sum of $1,000.00 to cut the brush, gravel and otherwise improve Oak Ridge Road.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used for the conditioning and upkeep of the "Ancient Graves" in the Boxford Village Cemetery.

Article 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Tuesday, March 6th next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Selectman for three years, Assessor of Taxes for three years, Collector of Taxes, Constable, East Parish, Constable, West Parish, Highway Surveyor, East Parish, Highway Surveyor, West Parish, one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, Tree Warden, two members of the Planning Board, each for five years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:30 A. M., and MAY CLOSE AT 1:30 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

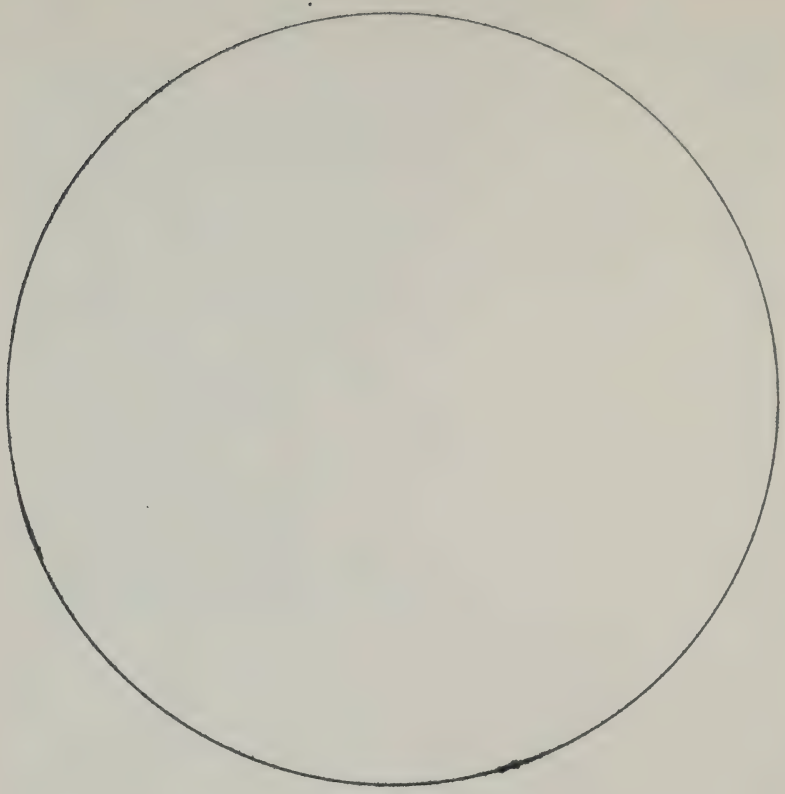
Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Selectmen of Boxford

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1951

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	~~1,000.00~~
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	400.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,500.00
Accountant	1,600.00
Registrars	200.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	200.00
Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	350.00
Board of Health	500.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Essex Sanatorium	898.33
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	600.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,500.00
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,800.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00
Schools	40,879.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,000.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,800.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	5,000.00
Street Lighting	625.00

Town Halls	1,500.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2,200.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Clerical	300.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Community House	200.00
Interest on Loans	100.00
Town Reports	500.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Central Essex Welfare District	490.00
Land Taking—Washington Street	50.00



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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1951

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Raymond Perley	Term expires 1952
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1953
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1954

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1952
Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1953
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1954

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1952

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1953
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1953

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

James B. Peirce	Term expires 1952
Archibald L. Trull	Term expires 1953
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1954

BOARD OF HEALTH

Raymond Perley	Term expires 1952
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1953
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1954

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French — B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr. — Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst — John T. Chadwick

Harry E. Trask

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley — Term expires 1953

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D. V. M.

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster — Albert R. Frost

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French — Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1952
Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1953
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1954

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1952
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1953
E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1954
Albert G. Gale	Term expires 1955
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1955
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1956
Albert C. Waters, Jr.	Term expires 1956

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1952
Dimon Lockwood	Term expires 1953
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1954

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1951
Alfred K. Nason	Term expires 1952
Ronald Houldsworth	Term expires 1953

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

Paul L. Killam	Term expires 1951
Burton E. Shaw	Term expires 1952
Philip F. Spofford	Term expires 1953

SPECIAL POLICE

Gerald C. Brisbois	Arthur L. Emery
Clinton E. French	Charles H. Getchell
Everett P. Gould	Herbert W. Leighton
Dana F. Killam	Henry W. Nason
Robert P. Parkhurst	Archibald Peabody

Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.

SWORN WEIGHERS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1950 census), 925.

Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Fourth Essex Senatorial District and in the Ninth Essex Representative District.

The Senator is John W. Coddaire, Jr., 33 Westland Terrace, Haverhill, Mass.

The Representative is Everett B. Bacheller, 58 Ash Street, Danvers, Mass.

LIST OF JURORS—1951-1952

Butler, Howard F., poultryman, Georgetown Road, Boxford
Gamans, Walter H., Jr., carpenter, Main Street, West Boxford
Hebb, Albert C., lumberman, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
Hoogerzeil, Norman P., inspector, Depot Road, Boxford
Killam, Paul L., farmer, Killam Hill Road, Boxford
Leighton, Chester A., machinist, Washington Street, West Boxford
McGregor, Arthur T., telephone employee, Main Street, West Boxford
Nason, Clinton B., farmer, Washington Street, West Boxford
Peabody, Archibald, caretaker, Lawrence Road, Boxford
Riggs, Hamlin, carpenter, Main Street, Boxford
Sperry, Herbert W., electrician, Main Street, West Boxford
Upton, Eben A., retired, off Lockwood Lane, Boxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The annual town meeting of the Town of Boxford was held in Lincoln Hall West Boxford on March 6, 1951. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, William J. Greenler Jr. at 8:00 pm. Rev. Frederick Powell offered prayer. The following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted that the reports of the Town Officers and Committees be approved as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted to adopt the suggested budget as printed with the substitution of $400.00 instead of $1000.00 for Board of Public Welfare and appropriate money for same.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to pass over this article.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1500.00 for the improvement of Topsfield Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, with the stipulation that the money may not be spent until such time as the Board of Selectmen considers Highland, Spofford, and Valley Roads to be in suitable condition to anticipate the spring thaw.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate $2000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 7. Voted that compensation for labor in the various departments of the town be the same as last year.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate $288.11 refunded from the county of account of dog licenses for libraries.

Article 9. Voted to pass over.

Article 10. Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed $7000.00 from the Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1951 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59, of the General Laws.

Article 11. Voted to leave the matter of making roads passable when encumbered with snow in the hands of highway surveyors.

Article 12. Voted to leave determining when the taxes shall be committed to the Collector, also the manner of collecting same, with the Board of Assessors.

Article 13. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951 and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of the same.

Article 15. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $22,000.00 to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 16. Voted to rescind the vote of December 27, 1950 approving the construction of a central elementary school under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of that date,——63 yes——45 no, by show of hands.

Article 17. Voted to rescind the vote of December 27, 1950 continuing the present School Building Committee under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting of that date.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3500.00 to be used by the School Committee for the improvement of the Community House in the East Parish.

Article 19. Voted to pass over.

Article 20. Voted to pass over.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 for the improvement of Main St. from Kimball's Pond toward West Boxford.

Article 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 to cut the brush, gravel, and otherwise improve Oak Ridge Road.

Article 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used for the conditioning and upkeep of the Ancient Graves in the Boxford Village Cemetery.

Article 24. Voted that any action regarding a Civil Defense by-law under Section 1, Chapter 639, Acts of 1950, should be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn until 6:30 A.M. March 7 for the purpose of choosing by ballot certain Town Officers for the ensuing year.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1951

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	400.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	400.00
Town Clerk	400.00

Collector of Taxes	1,500.00
Accountant	1,600.00
Registrars	200.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	200.00
Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	350.00
Board of Health	500.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Essex Sanatorium	898.33
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	600.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	500.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,500.00
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,800.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00
Schools	40,879.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,000.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,800.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	5,000.00
Street Lighting	625.00
Town Halls	1,500.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2,200.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Clerical	300.00

Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Community House	200.00
Interest on Loans	100.00
Town Reports	500.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Central Essex Welfare District	490.00
Land Taking—Washington Street	50.00

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

July 18, 1951

At a special town meeting held in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford on July 18, 1951, the following record was made:

Article 1. Voted to accept the report of the school committee in regard to the recent action of the Andover School Committee concerning the tuitioning of Boxford pupils in Grades 7 through 12.

Article 2. Voted that a School House Committee be appointed to study the school housing problem in Boxford, and to make recommendations to the town as soon as possible, said committee to consist of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, and three members at large appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the Moderator within one week.

Article 3. Voted to transfer to the committee appointed under Article 2, the sum of $500.00 from the fund appropriated for the use of the School Committee to renovate the Community House.

Article 4. Voted to transfer to the Board of Health the following sums of money: $300.00 from Insurance, $100.00 from Interest on Loans, $100.00 from Community House, and $25.50 from Town Report, subject to approval of Finance Committee.

Article 5. No action taken.

Article 6. Voted that permission be given to Town of North Andover to extend a drain pipe across Washington St. near the town line subject to conditions agreeable to the selectmen of the two towns.

Article 7. Voted that the Board of Health study the problem of a regional Health Union under the provisions of Chapter 662, Acts of 1949, and report at some later town meeting.

Article 8. Voted to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

RECORD OF BIRTHS—1951

Date of Birth		*Parents' Name*
1950		
Apr. 20	Patricia Jane MacGill	Kenneth J. MacGill Shirley (Snyder)
Oct. 7	Thomas Henry Von Kamecke	Henry Von Kamecke, Jr. Bettina D. McGrath
Oct. 12	John Patrick Melvin	Leonard J. Melvin Rose Stevenson
Oct. 12	Susan Bailee Frizzell	Laurence D. Frizzell Frances Wilson
Oct. 12	Christina Gail Frizzell	Laurence D. Frizzell Frances Wilson
Oct. 18	Nathaniel Ward Peirce	James B. Peirce Anne M. Means
Oct. 19	Mary Ann Noyes	Alerson Elmer Noyes Katherine Irene Gamble
Oct. 24	Kathleen Lucille Sewell	James R. Sewell Barbara J. Cochrane
1951		
Jan. 25	John Richard Parkhurst	Robert P. Parkhurst Arlene M. Parkinson
Feb. 11	Robert Lawrence Means, Jr.	Robert L. Means Elizabeth Jackson

Feb. 18	Leonard Robert Gould	Frank Melvin Gould Jr. Muriel Nathalie Winkler
Feb. 24	Eleanor Theresa Rouff	Alfred Rouff Gladys Simpson
Mar. 9	Albert Rokes Frost, Jr.	Albert R. Frost Edna E. Rouff
Apr. 1	Stephen George Hagen	George Everett Hagen Edna May Scranton
Apr. 16	Judy Dianne Hopping	Richard G. Hopping Edith O. Murken
May 6	Coralyn Gayle Pecce	Charles A. Pecce Coral I. Applegate
May 19	Franklin Campbell Roberts, 3rd	Franklin C. Roberts Jr. Alice G. Moulton
July 9	Richard Charles Hebb	Robert E. Hebb Shirley Eastman
July 24	Rebecca Jane McGregor	Arthur T. McGregor Grace I. Robinson
July 30	Christopher Neil Poor	Robert H. Poor Eleanor T. Sanborn
Aug. 3	Christine Marie Hagen	Robert B. Hagen Andrea M. Eldridge
Aug. 11	Richard Gerry Haywood	John S. Haywood Ruth F. Cassino
Aug. 12	Dean Richard Spofford	Richard A. Spofford Dorothea Munson
Aug. 18	Jane Lee Powell	Frederick White Powell Donna Jane Strand
Aug. 30	Gene Norman Demsey	Ernest M. Demsey Evelyn Hilyard
Oct. 9	Michelle Ros Stecker	Raymond J. Stecker Ella M. Ros
Oct. 28	Horace Deland Lambert 3rd	Horace D. Lambert Nancy Dodge
Nov. 13	Norman Earl West	Walter Austin West Rachel Betty Ricker
Nov. 16	Jason Duncan Frizzell	Laurence D. Frizzell Frances Wilson

MARRIAGES DURING 1951

Date	*Names*	*Residence*
Jan. 6	John T. Chadwick	West Boxford
	Helen M. Woodman	Haverhill
Jan. 20	Robert Bentley Hagen	West Boxford
	Andrea Mae Eldridge	Georgetown
Feb. 3	Samuel Vincent Elliott	East Boxford
	Evella Marie Carroll	Lynn
Mar. 31	Robert E. Hebb	West Boxford
	Shirley Eastman	Haverhill
June 1	William R. Cargill	Boxford
	Mary L. Waters	Boxford
July 22	Herbert Eugene Amburg	Georgetown
	Charlotte Plummer Austin	West Boxford
Aug. 11	Frank Ernest Phillips	Georgetown
	Margaret Lillian Mello	Boxford
Sept. 15	Donald Gordon McCowan	Veiden, Ill.
	Nancy Beatrice Hilyard	Boxford
Nov. 22	Kenneth H. Chadwick	West Boxford
	Jane Ellen Leighton	Andover
Nov. 24	John Tenney Hills	Boxford
	Nancy Williams	Topsfield

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1951

Date	*Name*	*Age*		
		Yr.	M.	D.
1950				
Dec. 20	Charles M. Moulton	83	9	—
1951				
Jan. 23	Elisabeth H. Elliott	60	3	16
Feb. 22	George Arthur Gould, Sr.	77	—	23
Feb. 28	Walter W. French	72	—	—
Mar. 29	Chester G. Tibbetts	69	—	—
Apr. 1	George H. Clay	93	—	1
Apr. 12	James Rix	87	9	18
May 18	Charles Edward Leach	81	1	3
June 25	Emma Amelia (Charlow) Morse	84	7	21
July 7	James Graham Paisley	91	3	17
Sept. 8	Johanna (Sullivan) Shaw	86	6	7
Oct. 26	Jennie Florence Nason	76	10	13
Nov. 7	Mary Ann (Davis) Sanders	94	11	16
Nov. 15	Minnie A. (Burdick) Gaines	83	8	5
Nov. 17	Katherine D. (Root) Dick	76	10	29
Dec. 14	Adam Frank Piotrowski	31	—	—
Dec. 14	Mildred Pooler	19	—	—

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR 1951

26	Fishing Licenses at $2.00 each	$52.00
28	Hunting Licenses at $2.00 each	56.00
11	Sporting Licenses at $3.25	35.75
8	Minor Fishing Licenses at $1.25	10.00
1	Trapping License at $5.25	5.25
2	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses at $5.25	10.50
3	Citizen Sporting Licenses—free	
2	Military Sporting Licenses—free	
		$169.50
	76 Fees at .25 each	19.00
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	$150.50

DOG LICENSES FOR 1951

85	Males at $2.00	$170.00
22	Females at $5.00	110.00
37	Spayed Females at $2.00	74.00
2	Kennels at $10.00	20.00
2	Kennels at $25.00	50.00
1	Military—free	
		$424.00
	148 Fees at .20 each	29.60
		$394.40

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operating costs of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.

2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Goverment and other cities and towns.

3. Receipts of departments and available funds.

4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year was	$125,913.44
Other expenses for the year were:	
Veterans' Service	75.00
State Parks and Reservations	178.79
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	260.63
County Tax	3,868.66
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	947.40
Contributory Retirement Assessment	912.64
Overlay for 1951	1,713.86
	$133,870.42
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated at	62,768.77
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	$71,101.65
The Poll Tax—310—yielded	620.00

In order to collect the balance of $70,481.65, called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was assigned a value for assessment purposes. Those assessments were as follows:

Personal Estate	$232,405.00
Real Estate—buildings and land	1,333,840.00
Giving a total valuation of	$1,566,245.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $45.00, which made a tax on personal property of $10,458.29 and on real estate $60,023.36.

The Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax on 689 vehicles valued at $334,380.00 at the state-wide rate of $46.85 yielded $11,996.37.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

J. WARREN CHADWICK

HARRY L. COLE

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1951

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector:

Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$52,098.89	
Personal Property	9,101.97	
Poll	508.00	
Classified Forest Land	142.26	
		$61,851.12
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$6,537.48	
Personal Property	1,506.75	
Poll	24.00	
Classified Forest Land	24.57	
		8,092.80
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1949	$59.09	
Levy of 1950	3,029.24	
Levy of 1951	9,419.65	
		12,507.98
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$8,483.60	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	500.00	
Chap. 90 Construction	5,000.00	
		13,983.60
For Education:		
High School Transportation	$6,890.00	
Superintendent, Small Towns	560.01	
Tuition, State Children	1,657.83	
Chap. 70, School Aid	5,213.34	
		14,321.18

For Taxes, etc.:

Income Tax	$4,276.84	
Corporation Taxes	4,775.33	
Loss of Taxes	1,352.65	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	333.43	
Snow Removal	24.50	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
School Lunch Program	38.67	
		10,826.42

For Aid and Relief:

Old Age Assistance	$6,436.65	
Old Age Assist., U. S. Grant	6,386.52	
Old Age Assist., Admin., U. S. Grant	138.96	
Aid to Dependent Children	931.32	
Aid to Dep. Child., U. S. Grant	480.00	
Aid to Dep. Child., Admin., U. S. Grant	8.29	
Veterans' Benefits	325.00	
		14,706.74

County of Essex:

For Highways:

Chap. 90 Construction	$2,500.00	
Dog License refund	288.11	
		2,788.11

Trust and Investment Funds:

Interest on School Funds	$100.00	
J. T. Barker School Fund	650.00	
Interst on Library Funds:		
East Parish	77.93	
West Parish	67.88	
		895.81

Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$239.66	
Public Welfare	25.64	
Forest Warden	72.82	
Highway	47.50	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	19.55	
		405.17
Licenses and Permits:		
Dogs	$392.60	
Slaughter	400.00	
Building	40.50	
Revolver	12.00	
Junk	17.00	
Ice Cream	10.00	
Milk	5.00	
Used Car Dealer	2.00	
Peddler	3.00	
Recreational Camp	3.00	
Lord's Day	1.00	
		886.10
Unclassified:		
Land rent	$10.00	
Interest on Taxes	320.79	
School Lunch Program	98.56	
Withholding Tax deductions	1,931.40	
Rent from Town Halls	125.00	
Rent from Morse House	68.00	
Rent from Community House	50.00	
Wood—Town Dump	5.00	
Waste paper and junk	3.73	
Telephone refunds	22.03	
Departmental refunds	83.25	
Use of telephones	1.80	
		2,719.56
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$143,984.59

EXPENDITURES FOR 1951

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$1,006.01	
Board of Public Welfare	336.15	
Assessors	1,592.45	
Treasurer	266.83	
Town Clerk	237.35	
Accountant	1,399.44	
Tax Collector	1,451.18	
Registrars	92.28	
Elections	99.92	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Appeal Board	67.96	
Building Inspector	195.00	
Wire Inspector	172.63	
Finance Committee	337.00	
School Building Committee	1,748.41	
Board of Health	1,288.84	
Inspectors of Slaughtering	993.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$11,834.45

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$26.87	
Dog Officer	50.00	
Police	577.82	
Deputy Game Warden	50.00	
Forest Warden	1,492.51	
Fire Warden	1,196.37	
Tree Warden	489.60	
Moth Suppression & Pest Control	1,302.74	
		5,185.91

AID AND RELIEF

Central Essex Welfare District, Admin.	$490.00
Public Welfare	439.05

Old Age Assistance	12,000.00	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	1,623.04	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,565.90	
Veterans' Benefits	422.40	
		16,540.39

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$40,475.14	
J. T. Barker Fund	139.84	
Vocational Education	12.00	
Community House School	2,431.22	
East Parish Library	421.98	
West Parish Library	411.94	
		43,892.12

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$17,843.40	
Chap. 90 Construction, Washington St.	462.34	
Chap. 90 Construction, Topsfield Rd.	5,423.45	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,500.00	
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	944.43	
Oak Ridge Road	962.11	
Main Street	980.80	
Snow Removal and Sanding	6,165.81	
Road Machinery Maintenance	1,005.64	
Street Lighting	601.80	
		35,889.78

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	$1,087.58
Community House	71.81
Public Grounds	125.58
Insurance	1,650.26
Town Forest	179.00
Memorial Day	197.80
Soldiers' Graves	200.00

Harmony Cemetery	50.00	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Morse House	12.50	
Boxford Village Cemetery	100.00	
Clerical	300.00	
Withholding Tax Deductions	1,931.40	
Town Reports	474.50	
Essex Sanatorium	898.33	
Veterans' Service District	75.00	
Land Taking—Washington Street	50.00	
Civil Defense	31.00	
School Lunch Program	133.89	
State Parks & Reservations	129.06	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	260.63	
County Tax	3,705.61	
County Retirement System	912.64	
Poll Tax Refunds	4.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	348.73	
Dog Licenses to County	404.60	
		13,383.92
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$126,726.57

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1951

Assets

Cash: General		$67,678.07
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1948:		
Real Estate		2.52
Levy of 1949:		
Poll	$4.00	
Real Estate	1,048.59	
Personal Property	53.13	
		1,105.72
Levy of 1950:		
Poll	12.00	
Real Estate	2,470.42	
Personal Property	426.30	
		2,908.72
Levy of 1951:		
Poll	58.00	
Real Estate	7,210.92	
Personal Property	1,410.33	
		8,679.25
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1949	2.41	
Levy of 1950	112.75	
Levy of 1951	2,345.60	
		2,460.76

Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1950	3.78	
Levy of 1951	33.76	
		37.54
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	169.07	
Town Halls	44.00	
		213.07
Tax Titles		53.61
State & County Aid to Highways:		
Chapter 81 Maintenance	11,737.48	
Chapter 90 Construction	4,500.00	
		16,237.48
		$99,376.74

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	$53,041.75

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1951

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Titles	$53.61	
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,460.76	
Departmental Revenue	213.07	
Special Assessment Revenue	37.54	
State & Co. Aid to Highway Revenue	16,237.48	
		$19,002.46

Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1948	2.02	
Levy of 1949	1,075.50	
Levy of 1950	1,603.02	
Levy of 1951	859.31	
		3,539.85
Overlay Surplus: Revenue		4,905.63
Excess and Deficiency		57,099.50
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	7,697.51	
Old Age Assistance Administration	726.25	
Aid to Dependent Children	711.14	
Aid to Dep. Children Administration	77.96	
		9,212.86
School Building Committee		833.79
School House Committee		500.00
Schools		403.86
School Lunch Program		3.34
J. T. Barker Fund		1,402.13
Town Halls		412.42
Chapter 90 Construction, Topsfield Rd.		536.95
Road Machinery Fund		1,279.95
Overestimates:		
County Tax	163.05	
Essex Sanatorium	49.07	
State Parks & Reservations	18.68	
		230.80
Dog Licenses		13.20
		$99,376.74

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$29,845.59
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	8,178.08

East Parish Library	3,500.00	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,247.83	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,123.03	
Curtis & Killam Burial Lot Fund	260.11	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	887.11	
		$53,041.75

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1951

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$1,050.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$975.00	
Office supplies	12.01	
State & Co., Assoc. dues	19.00	
Total expenditures	$1,006.01	
Balance to revenue	43.99	
	$1,050.00	$1,050.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$400.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$300.00	
Travel	25.00	
Office supplies	11.15	
Total expenditures	336.15	
Balance to revenue	63.85	
	$400.00	$400.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Salaries, Assessors	$1,000.00	

Clerical	210.00	
Office equipment	261.00	
Office supplies	84.54	
Abstracts	27.91	
Assessors' Assoc. dues	9.00	
Total expenditures	$1,592.45	
Balance to revenue	7.55	
	$1,600.00	$1,600.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$400.00
Salary, Treasurer	$200.00	
Bond	51.50	
Office supplies	8.53	
Rent of safety deposit vault	4.80	
State Association dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	266.83	
Balance to revenue	133.17	
	$400.00	$400.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$400.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$202.00	
Bond	5.00	
Printing	16.50	
Office expense	8.85	
State Assoc. dues	5.00	
Total expenditures	$237.35	
Balance to revenue	162.65	
	$400.00	$400.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salary, Tax Collector	$1,200.00	
Bonds	101.00	
Office expenses	148.18	
State Assoc. dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$1,451.18	
Balance to revenue	48.82	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Accountant

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Salary, Accountant	$1,350.00	
Office supplies	49.44	
Total expenditures	$1,399.44	
Balance to revenue	200.56	
	$1,600.00	$1,600.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$200.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$84.00	
Office expense	8.28	
Total expenditures	$92.28	
Balance to revenue	107.72	
	$200.00	$200.00

Elections

Appropriation		$350.00
Use of church	$10.00	
Services, Town Clerk	22.50	

Printing and supplies	67.42	
Total expenditures	$99.92	
Balance to revenue	250.08	
	$350.00	$350.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$200.00
Balance to revenue	$200.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$350.00
Salaries, Finance Committee	$325.00	
State Assoc. dues	10.00	
Office expense	2.00	
Total expenditures	$337,00	
Balance to revenue	13.00	
	$350.00	$350.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$100.00
Advertising	$67.96	
Total expenditures	$67.96	
Balance to revenue	32.04	
	$100.00	$100.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation	$200.00

Services, Building Inspector	$175.00	
Office expense	20.00	
Total expenditures	$195.00	
Balance to revenue	5.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Wire Inspector

Appropriation		$200.00
Services, Wire Inspector	$140.00	
Office expense	32.63	
Total expenditures	$172.63	
Balance to revenue	27.37	
	$200.00	$200.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	$500.00	
	$500.00	$500.00

School Building Committee

Balance from 1950		$2,582.20
Architect's fee	$1,743.50	
Printing	4.91	
Total expenditures	$1,748.41	
Balance to 1952	833.79	
	$2,582.20	$2,582.20

School House Committee

Transfer from Community House School	$500.00

Balance to 1952	$500.00	
	$500.00	$500.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$500.00
Transfer from Insurance		300.00
Transfer from Interest on Loans		100.00
Transfer from Community House		100.00
Transfer from Town Reports		25.50
Transfer from Reserve		263.34
Salaries, Board of Health	$75.00	
Office supplies	7.14	
Maintenance of Dump	43.70	
Hospitalization	1,163.00	
Total expenditures	$1,288.84	$1,288.84

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital

Appropriation		$898.33
County Assessment, Essex Sanatorium	$898.33	
	$898.33	$898.33

Inspectors of Animals and Slaughtering

Appropriation		$1,050.00
Salaries:		
Inspectors of Slaughtering	$993.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
Total expenditures	$1,043.00	
Balance to revenue	7.00	
	$1,050.00	$1,050.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$600.00
Services, Police Officers	$537.00	
Supplies	39.42	
Telephone	1.40	
Total expenditures	$577.82	
Balance to revenue	22.18	
	$600.00	$600.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Deputy Game Warden

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Deputy Game Warden	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$35.00
Salary, Sealer	$25.00	
Office supplies	1.87	
Total expenditures	$26.87	
Balance to revenue	8.13	
	$35.00	$35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		196.37
Janitor service	$300.00	
Labor	117.00	
Equipment	314.95	
Fuel	104.43	
Repairs	160.95	
Supplies	37.54	
Telephones	155.50	
Fire Engineering subscription	3.00	
Association dues	3.00	
Total expenditures	$1,196.37	$1,196.37

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salary, Forest Warden	$132.00	
Labor	386.00	
Hose	497.77	
Telephones	343.61	
Supplies	79.97	
Repairs	23.05	
Fuel	30.11	
Total expenditures	$1,492.51	
Balance to revenue	7.49	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$500.00
Labor	$234.00	
Trucks	48.75	
Tractor & loader	16.00	
Power saw	12.00	

Cutting & trimming large trees	175.05	
Supplies	1.80	
Tree Wardens' Assoc. dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$489.60	
Balance to revenue	10.40	
	$500.00	$500.00

Moth Suppression and Pest Control

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Labor	$599.00	
Trucks	257.25	
Power saw	15.00	
Pruning elms	60.45	
Repairs	335.15	
Supplies	35.89	
Total expenditures	$1,302.74	
Balance to revenue	197.26	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Cash	$371.00	
Fuel	59.00	
Clothing	9.05	
Total expenditures	$439.05	
Balance to revenue	560.95	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	$12,000.00

Refunds		82.25
Cash	$11,526.08	
Other cities and towns	473.92	
Total expenditures	$12,000.00	
Balance to revenue	82.25	
	$12,082.25	$12,082.25

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1950		$2,934.03
Federal Grants		6,386.52
Cash	$1,623.04	
Balance to 1952	7,697.51	
	$9,320.55	$9,320.55

Old Age Assistance, Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1950		$587.29
Federal Grants		138.96
Balance to 1952	$726.25	
	$726.25	$726.25

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$1,800.00
Cash	$1,565.90	
Balance to revenue	234.10	
	$1,800.00	$1,800.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1950		$231.14
Federal Grants		480.00
Balance to 1952	$711.14	
	$711.14	$711.14

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1950		$69.67
Federal Grants		8.29
Balance to 1952	$77.96	
	$77.96	$77.96

Central Essex Welfare District—Administration

Appropriation		$490.00
Transferred to Welfare District	$490.00	
	$490.00	$490.00

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Cash	$390.00	
Other cities	32.40	
Total expenditures	$422.40	
Balance to revenue	577.60	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$245.02	
Trucks	243.00	
Shovel	152.00	
Use of town tools	28.20	
Signs	60.50	
Oil	101.68	
Tools	5.55	
Sand and gravel	87.06	

Sheriff and court costs	24.02	
Gasoline and oil	25.60	
Total expenditures	$972.63	
Balance to revenue	27.37	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation		$1,000.00
State allotment		500.00
Labor	$174.00	
Trucks	93.00	
Stone	491.85	
Oil	590.75	
Roller	122.40	
Loader	28.00	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Washington Street

Balance from 1950		$462.34
Labor	$216.00	
Trucks	91.50	
Tractor	40.00	
Fill and loam	64.83	
Oil	45.04	
Sand and gravel	4.97	
	$462.34	$462.34

Chapter 90—Construction, Topsfield Road

Appropriation	$1,500.00
State allotment	3,000.00
County allotment	1,500.00

Labor	$1,492.00	
Trucks	809.00	
Shovel	1,024.00	
Bulldozer	264.00	
Grader	204.00	
Roller	122.40	
Use of town tools	39.60	
Pipe	328.93	
Sand and gravel	409.53	
Oil	680.48	
Blasting	59.20	
Cement	29.91	
Total expenditures	$5,463.05	
Balance to 1952	536.95	
	$6,000.00	$6,000.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,800.00
State allotment		15,400.00
Labor	$7,309.34	
Trucks	2,449.86	
Shovel	240.00	
Roller	102.00	
Grader	102.00	
Tractors	90.50	
Loader	14.00	
Use of town tools	357.60	
Oil	4,275.36	
Sand and gravel	1,404.96	
Guard rail	1,720.61	
Tools	76.57	
Signs	36.50	
Pipe	20.70	
	$18,200.00	$18,200.00

Main Street

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$166.00	
Trucks	134.00	
Bulldozer	72.00	
Shovel	127.00	
Use of town tools	19.20	
Sand and gravel	43.50	
Oil	438.30	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Oak Ridge Road

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$305.00	
Trucks	274.00	
Shovel	200.00	
Use of town tools	32.85	
Sand and gravel	130.90	
Oil	52.21	
Total expenditures	$994.96	
Balance to revenue	5.04	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$5,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		1,238.36
Labor	$2,135.00	
Trucks	1,065.00	
Trucks and plows	1,149.00	
Use of town tools	72.55	
Repairs	332.21	

Sand	805.89	
Salt	678.71	
Total expenditures	$6,238.36	$6,238.36

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund		$1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		5.64
Labor	$158.00	
Trucks	16.50	
Gasoline and oil	143.40	
Repairs	621.64	
Light	12.00	
Tools	35.02	
Storage	15.00	
Telephone	4.08	
Total expenditures	$1,005.64	$1,005.64

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$625.00
Street lights	$601.80	
Balance to revenue	23.20	
	$625.00	$625.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$40,879.00
Teachers' Salaries:		
Morse School	$5,228.68	
Aaron Wood School	5,260.40	
Community House School	866.64	
Special teachers	1,228.64	
Substitutes	92.00	

Superintendence:		
Salary	810.00	
Clerk	137.12	
Expense	133.65	
Health:		
Nurse	300.00	
Physicians	350.00	
Tuition	11,751.64	
Transportation	7,740.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	1,066.72	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Committee expense	22.58	
Books	715.05	
Supplies	543.96	
Equipment	394.35	
Fuel	1,122.71	
Light	329.13	
Telephones	157.41	
Repairs	1,533.36	
Insurance	600.00	
Grounds	71.10	
Total expenditures	$40,475.14	
Balance to 1952	403.86	
	$40,879.00	$40,879.00

J. T. Barker Fund

Balance from 1950		$891.97
Interest received from Trustees		650.00
Tuition, North Andover	$139.84	
Balance to 1952	1,402.13	
	$1,541.97	$1,541.97

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$300.00
Tuition	$12.00	
Balance to revenue	288.00	
	$300.00	$300.00

Community House School

Appropriation		$3,500.00
Repairs	$1,015.78	
Heating	947.00	
Lighting	97.39	
Equipment	92.05	
Grounds	279.00	
Total expenditures	$2,431.22	
Transfer to School House Committee	500.00	
Balance to revenue	568.78	
	$3,500.00	$3,500.00

School Lunch Program

State Grants		$38.67
Cash		98.56
Milk	$133.89	
Balance to 1952	3.34	
	$137.23	$137.23

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license refund from County		144.05
Interest from Library Funds		77.93
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	$421.98	
	$421.98	$421.98

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license refund from County		144.06
Interest from Library Funds		67.88
Books	$137.02	
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	274.92	
	$411.94	$411.94

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Janitors	$265.00	
Fuel and light	371.23	
Telephone	148.33	
Repairs	166.93	
Linoleum at Town Hall	113.68	
Supplies	19.71	
Removal of ashes, etc.	2.70	
Total expenditures	$1,087.58	
Balance to 1952	412.42	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Community House

Appropriation		$200.00
Janitor	$45.50	
Light	8.06	
Fire extinguisher	9.75	
Repairs	8.50	
Total expenditures	$71.81	

Transfer to Board of Health	100.00	
Balance to revenue	28.19	
	$200.00	$200.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$250.00
Care of public grounds	$125.58	
Balance to revenue	124.42	
	$250.00	$250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$200.00
Labor	$163.00	
Truck	10.00	
Power saw	6.00	
Total expenditures	$179.00	
Balance to revenue	21.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Civil Defense

Transfer from Reserve		$31.00
Lights	$24.00	
Office supplies	7.00	
	$31.00	$31.00

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$100.00	

West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	$200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$225.00	$225.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor and materials	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$100.00
Labor and materials	$100.00	
	$100.00	$100.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$200.00
Music	$150.00	
Flags	25.00	
Refreshments	12.60	
Ammunition	7.70	
Flowers	2.50	
Total expenditures	$197.80	

Balance to revenue	2.20	
	$200.00	$200.00

Clerical

Appropriation		$300.00
Clerical	$300.00	
	$300.00	$300.00

Morse House

Appropriation		$100.00
Repairs	$12.50	
Balance to revenue	87.50	
	$100.00	$100.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$2,200.00
Insurance Policies:		
Fire	$105.07	
Compensation	945.22	
Liability	432.42	
Volunteer Firemen	112.50	
Fire & Theft, Motor Vehicles	55.05	
Total expenditures	$1,650.26	
Transfer to Board of Health	300.00	
Balance to revenue	249.74	
	$2,200.00	$2,200.00

Interest on Loans

Appropriation		$100.00

Transfer to Board of Health	$100.00	
	$100.00	$100.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$500.00
Town Reports	$474.50	
Transfer to Board of Health	25.50	
	$500.00	$500.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$500.00
	$500.00	$500.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$2,000.00
Transfer to Snow Removal	$1,238.36	
Transfer to Board of Health	263.34	
Transfer to Fire Warden	196.37	
Transfer to Civil Defense	31.00	
Transfer to Road Machinery Maintenance	5.64	
Total transfers	$1,734.71	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	265.29	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY,

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1951 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1951		$50,420.05
S. S. Pearl, Tax Collector	$82,772.69	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	13,983.60	
Education	14,321.18	
Taxes	10,738.25	
Old Age Assist., grants & refunds	12,962.13	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants & refunds	1,419.61	
Veterans' Benefits refunds	325.00	
Animal Inspection refund	25.00	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 & 133	24.50	
School Lunch Program	38.67	
County of Essex:		
Highways	2,500.00	
Dog License refund	288.11	
Trust Funds, income	895.81	
Departmental receipts	405.17	
Licenses and permits	886.10	
Income from town property	258.00	
Waste paper and junk	3.73	
Withholding Tax account	1,931.40	
Telephone refunds	23.83	
Departmental refunds	83.25	
School Lunch Program	98.56	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		143,984.59
		$194,404.64
Disbursements:		
Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen		126,726.57
Balance December 31, 1951		$67,678.07

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements see report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $13,650.00:

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$6,500.00
7,150 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2⅞'s, 60/65	7,150.00
	$13,650.00

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$5,690.19
Interest for the year 1951	143.14
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$5,833.33

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$108.88
Interest for the year 1951	2.30
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$111.18

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$9,641.27
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	368.05
Savings Bank interest for 1951	241.76
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$10,251.08

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank are United States Treasury Bonds as follows:

$2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds reg. 2½'s, 69/64	$2,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 71/66	3,000.00
	$5,000.00

Interest from these bonds is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$1,012.71
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	125.00
Savings Bank interest for 1951	25.37
	$1,163.08

Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:	
Deposited June 29, 1951	$2,000.00
Interest from June 29, 1951	15.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$2,015.00

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$2,081.20
Interest for the year 1951	41.83
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$2,123.03

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$253.75
Interest for the year 1951	6.36
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$260.11

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$2,000.00
Interest for the year 1951	40.20
	2,040.20
Withdrawn	40.20
Balance Jan. 1, 1951	$2,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1951	37.73
	1,537.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1951	30.15
	1,530.15
Withdrawn	30.15
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1951	37.73
	1,537.73
Withdrawn	37.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$1,500.00

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$865.35
Interest for the year 1951	21.76
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$887.11

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1951	$1,217.22
Interest for the year 1951	30.61
Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$1,247.83

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1951

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book No. 11474	$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of Fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above Fund has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$25.00
Danvers Savings Bank	50.00
Salem Savings Bank	25.00
Total	$100.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST
JOHN T. CHADWICK
HARRY E. TRASK
Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,
Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1947

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951	$33.15	
Abatement:		
Personal Property		$33.15
	$33.15	$33.15

TAXES—1948

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951	$86.52	
Interest collected	27.37	
Audit adjustment	.50	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$46.70
Personal Property		37.80
Interest		27.37
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1952		2.52
	$114.39	$114.39

TAXES—1949

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951	$3,773.03	
Interest collected	143.17	
Audit adjustment	2.00	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$2,142.76
Personal Property		456.33
Classified Forest Land		6.72
Motor Vehicle Excise		59.09
Interest		143.17
Audit adjustment		2.00
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1952		1,108.13
	$3,918.20	$3,918.20

TAXES—1950

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1951	$11,543.76	
Interest collected	145.25	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	37.71	
Audit adjustment	4.01	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$4,348.02
Personal Property		1,012.62
Poll		24.00
Classified Forest Land		17.85
Motor Vehicle Excise		3,029.24
Interest		145.25
Audit adjustment	2.00	
Abatements:		
Poll		6.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		117.35
Transfer to Tax Title Account		3.15
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1952		3,025.25
	$11,730.73	$11,730.73

TAXES—1951

Real Estate Commitments	$60,041.36	
Personal Property Commitments	10,575.29	
Poll Tax Commitments	622.00	
Classified Forest Land Assessment	179.39	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	11,996.37	
Poll Tax refunds	4.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise refunds	311.02	
Interest collected	5.00	
Audit adjustment	.02	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$52,098.89
Personal Property		9,101.97
Poll		508.00
Classified Forest Land		142.26
Motor Vehicle Excise		9,419.65

Interest		5.00
Audit adjustment		2.34
Abatements:		
Real Estate		731.55
Personal Property		63.00
Poll		60.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		539.80
Transfer to Tax Title Account		3.38
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1952		11,058.61
	$83,734.45	$83,734.45

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Esate	$58,636.37
Personal Property	10,608.72
Poll	532.00
Classified Forest Land	166.83
Motor Vehicle Excise	12,507.98
Interest	320.79
Paid to Treasurer	$82,772.69

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Complying with Section 6 of Article 1 of the town By-laws, the Selectmen present the following report:

Under the Chapter 81 highway maintenance program the state contributed $15,400.00 and the town appropriated $2,800. This money was used for resurfacing oiled roads and to improve some of the dirt roads.

The town appropriated $1,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance, with the state contributing $500.00. This $1,500.00 was used to "stone top" a section of Georgetown Road.

The Chapter 90 Construction appropriation was as follows: $1,500.00 raised by the town, $1,500.00 contributed by the county and $3,000.00 by the state. This $6,000.00 was used to reconstruct a section of Topsfield Road from the Boxford-Topsfield town line to a point where the state will relocate and reconstruct Topsfield Road for he overpass at the new highway.

All of the above appropriations and allotments were expended under the supervision of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works.

By vote of the town, $1,000.00 was appropriated for the improvement of Main Street and $1,000.00 for Oak Ridge Road.

Other major highway projects were "black topping" the unoiled section of Lockwood Lane and about a half mile of Highland Road, and the improvement of a dangerous curve on Middleton Road directly north from the residence of Mr. John Hitchcock, which was made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Mary S. Holmes who contributed the land necessary for this betterment.

Speed limit signs have been placed on all the major roads leading into Boxford Village. By request, two speed limit signs were placed on Georgetown Road in an effort to slow down the traffic.

The sum of $70.72 has been received from Mrs. Ralph B. Case in whose care the money has been held for the benefit of the Community House. Mrs. Case, no longer a resident of Boxford, has placed the money in the custody of the Selectmen to be used toward the maintenance of the Community House.

During the year a linoleum was laid on the floor of the town offices in the Town Hall and various minor repairs were made to the exterior of Lincoln Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board has held few meetings this year, since the members felt the most important matter before the town was the school problem, in which we are actively interested. There are, for example, two members of the Planning Board serving on the School Building Committee, namely, Rosamond Price, also School Committee member, and J. Warren Chadwick.

The School Building Committee is working hard to bring before the town suitable plans for the solution of this serious problem. The other members of the Planning Board stand ready to give any assistance, and the Board will make its own recommendations in proper time.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. COTTON
SIMEON S. PEARL
J. WARREN CHADWICK
E. LAURENCE COLBY
ROSAMOND PRICE
ALBERT C. WATERS

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

DR. WINTHROP P. HAYNES, President
MILTON E. LORD, Vice President
ESTHER K. PERLEY, Secretary
MARY A. HERRICK, Treasurer

CHARLES L. ATKINS — SETH L. KELSEY
MARGARET LANE — ROBERT B. PARKHURST
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

Librarians: Bertha Perley and Lucy K. Parkhurst

The library is open for the distribution of books every Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30.

To make the facilities of the library more accessible, some of the best juvenile books have been placed in the schools. During the fall some of the teachers came to the library to make their own selections for school use. This practice is greatly appreciated for it encourages cooperation between librarians and teachers. It also assists the librarian in choosing the most useful and popular books for the schools.

Early last June the Troop Committee of Trook 1, Boxford, North Shore Council, Boy Scouts of America, asked the library trustees if they might lease the Cummings Barn in the rear of the library. With certain specified repairs and improvements it was thought that this building could be made suitable for scout activities. Since the desire of the Public Library is to make its property and facilities available for greatest possible use to the town's people, the trustees agreed to lease the barn to the Scouts for a term of ten years.

Many new and interesting titles have been added to the book collection this year. Selections have been based on "A. L. A. Book List," "Library Journal," "Buying List from Division of Public Libraries," "Boston Public Library Monthly List," "Kirkus' Bookshop Service" as well as on popular demand. The collection of books to date totals 10,588. By gift and purchase 397 books were added this year. The library subscribes to 27 magazines and periodicals.

Under Mr. Seth L. Kelsey's supervision, the house and grounds have been kept in good and attractive condition.

The trustees wish to thank everyone for any gifts made during the year. Any suggestions that will aid in the development of the library will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
ESTHER K. PERLEY
Secretary

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

OFFICERS

DR. WALTER R. INGALLS, President
MRS. ALEXANDER PRICE, Vice President
MISS RUBY F. NASON, Secretary
MR. DAVID MORIN, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Dr. Walter R. Ingalls, Chairman
Mr. John T. Chadwick Mr. Simeon S. Pearl

In 1951 books were borrowed from the library by 168 people. 3,299 books and magazines were circulated and were as follows:

Fiction	1,052	Non-fiction	1,201
	Juvenile	1,046	

A deposit of books was kept at the Gardner Morse School for the benefit of the third and fourth grades. At the end of the school year twelve State Reading Certificates were awarded to children in the fourth grade who had read five or more of these books.

The library now has 7,860 books ready for circulation. 206 volumes were added during the year. 134 were purchased and 72 were presented. Subscriptions to six maga-

zines were taken out and many more copies of magazines were given to the library by people of the community.

The Library Fund Drive netted $53.00. Other funds raised for the purchase of books were: $58.70 proceeds from a food sale held in September and $50.25 from a Military Whist Party held in December.

A group for the discussion of Great Books was organized and several meetings were held during February and March.

Again the Library Association is sincerely grateful to all those who assisted during 1951 in making the library helpful to the community.

Looking to the future, the need of more funds for the purchase of books is apparent. A Thrift Shop has been decided upon as a means to increase the book allowance, and the support of all will be needed to make this venture a success.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS
Librarian

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the Boxford Police Department for the year 1951:

Classification	*No. of Cases*
Summonses served	7
Complaints—various	5
Registry requests	7
Automobile accidents	4
Arrests	7
Court appearances	4

Camp breaks	2
Stolen car recovered	1
Transportation requests	4
House breaks	8
Larceny	3
Missing persons	3

During the year 1951 an increase in the frequency of camp inspections has dropped the camb breaks in this area to almost nothing. In addition to the regular camp inspections, more frequent traffic patrols have been maintained. I feel that the additional patroling has helped to keep both breaks and accidents down to a minimum.

As a result of the construction work on the new Route No. 1, there was a request from the construction companies for special traffic police. To comply with their request, twelve special officers were sworn in to cover the various details. The expense of these details was borne by the construction companies, who in turn were reimbursed by the state. The town was not responsible for any of this expense.

The past year has been a very busy one for the police department with the increase in building and in population.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, Jr.

Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

Fires

1 Barn	Loss—Total	
1 Automobile	Loss—Total	
7 Chimney Fires	Loss—None	
Appropriation		$1,000.00
Transfer		196.37

Janitor	$300.00	
Payrolls	117.00	
Equipment	314.95	
Fuel	104.43	
Repairs	160.95	
Supplies	37.54	
Telephones	155.50	
Fire Engineering Sub.	3.00	
Association dues	3.00	
Total	$1,196.37	$1,196.37

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Fire Warden

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

There were eighteen grass and brush fires, burning about forty acres.

Salary	$132.00
Payrolls	386.00
Hose	497.77
Telephones	343.61
Supplies	79.97
Repairs	32.05
Fuel	30.11
	$1,492.51
Unexpended balance	7.49
Appropriation	$1,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Considerable selective cutting and thinning was done in the Town Forest in 1951 and brush was cleared along the wood roads to make them more accessible in case of fire.

It was arranged to sell some less than two cords of wood for $16.00.

Of the $200.00 appropriated for work in the Town Forest, $179.00 was used, leaving an unexpended balance of $21.00.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER K. MORSS
MRS. WINTHROP P. HAYNES
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

There have been many dead limbs to remove and several trees to cut down this year. Extensive trimming and cutting has been done along the electric light lines in order that the service may be improved with the addition of a fourth wire.

The total expenditures of this department were $489.60, leaving an unexpended balance of $10.40.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

There has been good control over the Gypsy Moth and Browntail situation during the past year, but the Elm Disease is an increasing problem. The disposal of all dead Elm tree wood is urged to help toward the control of the Dutch Elm Disease.

The total expenditures for moth suppression and pest control were $1,302.74.

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health in 1951 were as follows:

Chicken pox	3
Measles	1
Meningitis	2
Tuberculosis	4
Dog bite	4

Recreational camp licenses were issued to six camps which accommodate 325 children.

Two licenses to slaughter, two for the manufacture of ice cream and ten licenses to sell milk were issued.

One license for a school for children of pre-school age was issued after an inspection of the premises was made.

There have been discussions regarding the formation of Regional Health Unions as required by Chapter 662, Acts of 1949, at meetings held in Topsfield and Georgetown.

Respectfully sumbitted,

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Health

REPORT OF CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

The average number of active Old Age Assistance cases declined to fifteen (15); total expense $13,623.04. One (1) Aid to Dependent Children case was active in 1951; total expense $1,565.90. We had no Disability Assistance cases during the year.

Federal (aid) grants received in 1951 totaled $6,866.52. There has been a marked decrease in Old Age Assistance costs during 1951 although there was an increase in the average case grant.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. POWERS
Welfare Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The expense of General Relief for the year 1951 was $439.05, which is considerably less than half the amount spent in 1950.

The Central Essex Welfare District which administers the Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children programs for the towns of Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield, completed its first full year in operation in April, 1951. Since both the state and federal governments participate in the reimbursements for the expense of a district there is a substantial saving to the towns in administrative costs.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

During the year 1951, there were 21 permits issued, of which 11 were for additions and special permits by the Board

of Appeals, and 10 were for new buildings and garages.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON
Building Inspector

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen of Boxford:

All money collected for dog licenses has been turned over to the Town Clerk.

There are a few licenses still uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED	
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves
January	72	213	6	1	4
February	73	194	1	0	11
March	96	234	0	1	6
April	69	84	2	0	13
May	51	155	5	0	5
June	52	166	2	0	4
July	59	182	4	0	4
August	81	180	7	0	0
September	62	186	4	0	4
October	61	198	12	0	3
November	67	230	11	0	3
December	65	170	11	1 head & neck	1
Total	808	2,192	65	3	58

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FOSTER
ALBERT R. FROST
Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Board of Selectmen of Boxford:

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year 1951, I submit the following report:

The yearly inspection of all barns has been done in accordance with the directions of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control, as well as the checking of any cattle brought in from out of State during the year.

Number of bovine animals inspected	243
Number of horses	10
Number of swine	9
Number of sheep	4

No dog-bite or Rabies suspect cases were reported to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. GREENLER, D. V. M.,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

For the year 1951 I submit the following report:

Permits issued	62
Inspections	71
Expenses:	
Telephone	$10.13
Printed Supplies	12.50
Office Expense	10.00
Salary	140.00
Total	$172.63

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

During 1951 I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Gasoline Meters	6
Grease Measuring Pump	3
Kerosene Pumps	1
Liquid Measures	3
Platform Scales	3
Beam Scales	1
Computing Scales	1
Spring Scales	10

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. LEIGHTON
Sealer of Weights and Measures

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

	North Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance carried over from 1950	$160.26	$18.46	$178.72
Appropriated in 1951, Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946, raised by Assessors in 1951 Tax Levy	600.00	75.00	675.00
Total	$760.26	$93.46	$853.72
Expended to December 31, 1951	672.45	94.40	766.85
Balance, December 31, 1951	$ 87.81	$—.94	$ 86.87

(A) Basis of Apportionment, Chapter 599, Acts of 1945, an Act establishing the basis of apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00 — Percent	.8769
Boxford	1,317,222.00 — Percent	.1231

District Department of Veterans' Service
JAMES J. MAKER,
District Treasurer

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$720.00
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. (Services)	38.35
Veterans' Information Service, Frank Ostlin, Director, Moline, Illinois (Veterans' Laws)	6.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer's Bond)	2.50
Total	$766.85

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
Agent

REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER—BOXFORD DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

The following cases were assisted during 1951:

Discharge (copy)	7
Discharge (recorded)	2
State Bonus	1
Notarization	11
Taxes	6
Power of Attorney	6

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Compensation	12
Pensions	16
Education, Training, Rehabilitation	9
Terminal Leave	3
Hospitalization	6
Insurance	12
Insurance (dividend)	8
Medical—dental	6

Respectfully submitted,
BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
District Director

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

James Pierce, Chairman	Term expires 1952
Archibald L. Trull	Term expires 1953
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1954

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson, Ed. M.
Jackson Way, Georgetown
Telephone Georgetown 3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Leroy T. Stokes, M.D.
Haverhill, Mass.

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Archie French
Boxford
Clayton Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grade or Subjects*
Dorothy Eade Carver	Morse	1-2
Gladys E. McPherson	Aaron-Wood	5-6
Lelia Millay	Aaron-Wood	1-2
Bernice Billewicz	Community House	3
Ruth Morin	Morse	4
Monte Nelson		Music Supervisor
Esther Osman		Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Annual Report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1951 is hereby submitted.

In May, 1951 we were notified by the Andover School Committee that they would be unable to accept any further Boxford pupils after September 1951, but that all pupils enrolled as of that date would be permitted to graduate. Andover, like all other towns, is faced with an ever-increasing school enrollment with the result that their high school facilities will shortly be unable to accommodate tuition puipls from Boxford or any other town.

We informed the Town of this situation at a special meeting held on July 18, 1951 and recommended the appointment of an investigating committee to study our school housing needs again in the light of this development. We have devoted a great deal of our time as members of the School House Committee. We have investigated the possibility of tuitioning our seventh and eighth grades to neighboring towns, but have been unable to find any town which can take them for more than one year. It appears that, within a very few years, none of the neighboring towns will be able to accept elementary tuition pupils and there are only a few who will be able to accept even high school tuition pupils.

Fortunately we have negotiated what appears to be a long-term tuitioning program for our high school pupils, namely grades 9 through 12, with the town of North Andover. North Andover is at present contemplating a new high school and our pupils would eventually be housed therein. It is our current plan to continue to tuition to Punchard High School all pupils now enrolled there and to send grades 9 through 12 to North Andover beginning in 1954 with our present sixth grade. Due to the fact that North Andover has been accepting tuition pupils from Boxford for thirty odd years and that the two towns have a great deal in common, we feel that this arrangement can continue indefinitely.

From the investigations made to date, it appears conclusively that grades 1 through 8 must be housed in Boxford. Recommendations for such housing will shortly be forthcoming from the School House Committee. At present we have an enrollment in grades 1 — 6 of 110 pupils. In September 1952, we will have an estimated enrollment in grades 1 — 7 of 135 pupils; in September 1953, an estimated enrollment in grades 1 — 8 of 153 pupils; and, in September 1954, an estimated enrollment in grades 1 — 8 of 161 pupils. At present, we have available only four permanent classrooms and one temporary one. Even with these facilities we will be faced with the necessity of providing additional housing in September 1952 unless we revert to a staggered session or an arrangement of splitting and combing grade groups in such a way that there would be three grades per room in several instances.

The proposed 1952 budget is higher than the 1951 budget by the sum of $2,681.00. This is largely due to the fact that we have one more teacher this year than we had last year and that we will probably have to hire a sixth teacher next September. Further, in line with the practise of other towns, certain salary increases will have to be made again this year. It is interesting to note, however, that the net average cost per pupil has risen only slightly over the past two years, the main increase in school budgets being the result of increased enrollments. The net average cost per pupil was $158.96 in 1950, $164.74 in 1951, and will be approximately $169.00 in 1952.

During the summer, renovations were made to the Community House in Boxford to provide an additional temporary classroom. A new central forced warm-air heating system was installed, new lighting fixtures were installed, certain structural repairs were made, the driveway was improved, and the buliding was painted. Although the special appropriation for this work amounted to $3,500.00, slightly under $2,500.00 was spent.

Mrs. Bernice Billewicz joined our teaching staff in September, taking charge of the third grade. Mrs. Billewicz

holds a B.S. Degree from Lowell Teachers' College and has previously taught in Salem, N. H.

All of our teachers are presently enrolled in extension courses given at the Haverhill High School and sponsored by the Haverhill Teachers' Association.

For reports on other aspects of the schools, we invite your attention to the report of the Superintendent of Schools and other special reports which follow.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES B. PEIRCE, Chairman
ARCHIBALD L. TRULL
ROSAMOND PRICE, Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The enrollment in the Boxford Schools has continued to increase in accord with past estimates. The re-opening at the Community House as a school for the third grades has solved our classroom needs for the present school year only.

In the Spring of 1951 notice was served by the Andover School Committee that Andover would accept our seventh grade pupils on a tuition basis in September 1951 and allow these pupils and other Junior and Senior High School pupils from Boxford to continue until they graduate from High School, but that after September 1951 no additional Boxford pupils would be accepted.

The action of Andover school authorities means that Boxford must make necessary arrangements for the education of seventh grade pupils in September 1952. Careful exploration reveals that no neighboring Town can assure Boxford that it will be able to accept Boxford seventh grade pupils on a tiution basis for more than one year. In view of the present situation it should be clear that we must provide the class rooms for the education of all eight elementary grades and that we must provide this needed space at the earliest possible date.

An additional classroom in September 1951 required an additional teacher. Mrs. Bernice Billewicz, a graduate of Lowell Teachers' College with teaching experience at Salem, N. H., was selected to fill this position. With the retention of teachers and supervisors of a year ago, Boxford has retained a competent and experienced school staff. Boxford teachers are not only qualified through training and experience but strive to improve through further study in the field of education.

Teacher salaries have continued to increase throughout the country. At the present time the salary of the beginning teacher in several Massachusetts communities is equal to the salary paid Boxford teachers who have had many years of experience. If we are to retain our present competent teaching staff we must be prepared to adopt a salary schedule comparable with our communities with commensurate capacity to pay.

The progress of Boxford pupils remains on a high level. To assure steady educational growth we must provide adequate classroom space. The problem of School departments is not just one of housing pupils but rather one of providing adequate learing situations where the competent teacher, with adequate teaching materials, may have reasonable hope of realizing the objectives.

In closing this report I express my appreciation to the teachers, custodians, school committee members and citizens for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,

Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending 1951.

The music program in our schools has been moving ahead on a very definite schedule. Last spring, an operetta called, "In Old Mexico," was presented by the fifth and sixth grades. The first grade of both schools performed in Rhythm Band solos and grades two, three and four took part in a musical play.

This year, I have attempted to correlate singing and instrumental music in our school program. Encouraging results have been made. At the present time, we have three Flutophone Bands in the Town of Boxford represented by grades four, five and six.

The Flutophone is an instrument having a fourteen note range, and provides the school children with the opportunity of acquiring a basic orchestral foundation. This program will eventually enable us to form a school orchestra.

Our vocal training program continues with expanding opportunities for all children to enjoy and take part in.

May I express my appreciation to Mr. William D. Johnson, the School Committee and teachers for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MONTE NELSON,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Art for the year ending December 31, 1951.

The program of Art Education in the Boxford Schools for 1951 aimed to develop understanding and appreciation of beauty—to acquire enjoyable interests, good attitudes towards life—develop useful habits and skills and allow pupils to participate in creating and producing through mediums of clay, papercraft, painting and crayon illustrating.

Drawings, paintings, sandtable activities, decorations have been enjoyed and appreciated by pupils, teachers and parents while on display in the classrooms. The biggest art project for the year was the scenery for the operetta.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER OSMAN,

Supervisor of Art

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as School Physician for the year ending 1951.

All pupils in the Aaron Wood and Gardner Morse schools have had their Physical Examinations.

The general health of the students is excellent. Decayed teeth are the most common defect among them. Parents should consult their dentist to correct these infections.

I also wish to compliment the parents who responded so well to the chest X-Ray program held during the year. The results were very satisfactory.

The Diphtheria innoculations for those pupils whose parents give consent will be given some time in March or April.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY T. STOKES, M.D.,
School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as School Nurse for the year ending December, 1951.

With the induction of Dr. Horlick into the armed services during the last year, all physical examinations in the Gardner Morse and Aaron Wood Schools were completed by Dr. Leroy Stokes.

The only defects worthy of comment were caries of the teeth and that condition showed considerable improvement over last year.

At this time, only the pupils in the Gardner Morse School have had eye tests, with one case of impaired eyesight being found.

No diphtheria immunizations will be given until late Spring due to the fact that the Diphtheria toxoid has been combined with Tetanus toxoid, and it is deemed best to give the Tetanus immunizations prior to the closing of school; as the summer season is the more likely time for children to come in contact with this type of infection.

I wish to thank the parents and school personnel for their continued interest in school health.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BARNARD, R.N.,

School Nurse

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Nancy Childs
David Killam
James Tagg
Johan Titus
Walter Woodburn

Juniors

Arlene Brisbois
Jeanne Garry
Charles Killam
Robert Woodburn

Sophomores

Marjorie Killam
Dianne Tagg
Calvin Titus

Freshmen

Bruce Garry
Eleanor Swanson

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Judith Owen	Grade 4	Priscilla Owen	Grade 7
Sandra Nolan	Grade 5	Kay Galloway	Grade 7
J. Scott Nolan	Grade 6	Susan Godfrey	Grade 7
Judith Melzard	Grade 6		

PUPILS ATTENDING OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS

Name	*School*	*Grade*
James Troop	Perley H. S.	P.G.
Woodman	Haverhill H. S.	12

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING PUNCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Roger Chadwick	Charlotte Kelley
Helen Doucette	Donald Millay
Ronald Shaw	Barbara Nancy Pearl

Juniors

Marcia Cotton	Raymond LeBel
James Gemmell	Mary Lord
Gail Goddard	Carol Pratt
Donald Gould	Frederick Shaw
Daniel Greco	Eugene J. Vincent

Sophomores

Jane Dineen	Elaine Hopping
Eleanor Doucette	Pamela Kimball
Gloria Dupuis	Irene LeBel
Daniel Emery	Barbara Perkins

Daniel J. Shaw

Grade 9

Kathleen Dineen	Sarah Paisley
Anne Lord	Eugene Russell
Anne Nelson	Valerie Shaw
Meredythe Osgood	Beverly Spofford

John Baer

Grade 8

Mary Alice Baer	William Greenler
Marjorie Gould	George Hopping
Richard Guerin	Park Palmer

Grade 7

James Butler	Davida Morin
Judith Goddard	Brenda Spofford
Kathleen Greenler	Stuart Troop
Robert Millay	Herbert Whittemore

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1951

Morse School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	5	4	—	8	—	—	17
Girls	6	4	—	18	—	—	28
	11	8	0	26	0	0	45

Aaron-Wood & Community

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	3	4	9	—	9	7	32
Girls	6	5	10	—	7	5	33
	9	9	19	0	16	12	65

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-15	16 or over	Totals
Boys	18	55	11	84
Girls	17	83	7	107
	35	138	18	191

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET—1952

Administration		
Superintendent's Salary	$840.00	
Superintendent's Transportation	115.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	305.00	
		$1,260.00
Teachers' Salaries		
Regular	$14,585.00	
Special	1,245.00	
Substitute	360.00	
		$16,190.00
Health		
Physician	250.00	
Nurse	300.00	
Supplies	90.00	
		$640.00
Tuition		$12,200.00
Transportation		7,800.00
Janitors		1,200.00
Attendance Supervisors		20.00
Books and Supplies		800.00
Fuel and Electricity		1,500.00
Telephones		150.00
Maintenance		1,200.00
Insurance		600.00
Total for Schools		$43,560.00
Vocational Education		300.00
Total		$43,860.00
Estimated 1952 State Reimbursements		$13,608.34
Estimated Net Local Cost		$30,251.66

REIMBURSEMENTS ON 1951 ACCOUNT

	Estimated 1952 Reimbursements	1951 Reimbursements
Chapter 643, Acts of 1948	$5,018.34	$5,083.34
Union Supt. of Schools	560.00	560.01
All School Transportation	6,830.00	6,890.00
Tuition and Trans. of State Wards	1,200.00	1,657.83
Totals	$13,608.34	$14,191.18

	1952 Budget	1951 Budget
Totals Schools and Vocational	$43,860.00	$41,179.00
Reimbursements	13,608.34	14,191.18
Net Local Costs	$30,261.66	$26,987.82
Net Increase	$3,263.84	

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1951

A comparison of the proposed budget for 1952 will show little change in the cost of our local government. Every official and employee has done his part in holding down expenses. The money-articles, so-called, which appear as part of the Warrant are few this year by comparison.

The year 1951 did not see the solution of our school problem. The time for a definite answer is fast approaching. All await the report and recommendations of the School Building Committee.

Presently the Town is posed with a unique question—What will be the effects of the new Newburyport Turnpike upon us collectively and individually? An immediate consideration is the loss of tax income resulting from the many land-takings made by the Commonwealth, which will have an effect on future tax rates. A population influx is certain, with the resulting demand for land upon which to build new housing units. With this growth, there will be not only a tax increment but—and most important, at least a corresponding demand for an increase in Town facilities and services. These are a few of the predictable plain facts.

An enlightened citizenry realizes that government is the job of all, that there are distinct advantages in being able to directly participate in government—the purpose of the Town Meeting. Read the Town Report thoroughly! Attend Town Meeting! Get to the polls on election day!

WALTER MORSS

DIMON LOCKWOOD

THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR.

Finance Committee

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, Boxford, on Monday, the third day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $21,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in antici-

pation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 7. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 8. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To take such action as may be deemed best in regard to making roads passable when encumbered with snow.

Article 10. To determine when the taxes shall be committed to the Collector, also the manner of collecting same.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To appropriate $322.68 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed $7,000.00 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1952 tax levy, subject to the provisions of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 to continue the improvement of Glendale Road to the North Andover town line, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to continue the improvement of Main Street from the section completed in 1951 toward West Boxford, or take any action in the matter.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for the further conditioning and upkeep of the "Ancient Graves" in the Boxford Village Cemetery.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to transfer to the First Parish of Boxford a certain parcel of land now known as "common land" bordered by property of Frank A. Manny and Annette Sawyer Manny on the west, property of the First Parish on the north and Middleton Road on the south and east, or take any action in the matter.

Article 18. To hear the report of the Schoolhouse Committee, to take any action thereon, and to consider the appropriation of a sum of money for use by said committee for the purpose of presenting further concrete information on school housing needs to the town.

Article 19. To see what action the town will take relative to acquiring additional land adjacent to the Gardner Morse School, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to install an electric street light in front of the residence of Oscar O. Anderson on Lake Shore Road.

Article 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in the Town Hall, Boxford, on Tuesday, March 4th next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Selectmen for three years, Assessor of Taxes for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer for three years, Constable, East Parish, Constable, West Parish, Highway

Surveyor, East Parish, Highway Surveyor, West Parish, one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, Tree Warden, one member of the Planning Board for five years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:30 A. M., and MAY CLOSE at 1:30 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Selectmen of Boxford

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1952

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	400.00
Assessors	1,425.00
Treasurer	425.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,600.00
Accountant	1,600.00
Registrars	200.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	200.00
Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	600.00
Board of Health	1,000.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	1,000.00
Dog Officer	50.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,000.00
Dutch Elm Control	300.00
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00
Disability Assistance	2,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,800.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00
Schools	42,160.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,000.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,800.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	6,500.00

Street Lighting	650.00
Town Halls	2,250.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2,200.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Clerical	300.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Interest on Loans	100.00
Town Reports	500.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Central Essex Welfare District	301.50
Chapter 90 Construction	1,500.00

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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1952

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1953
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1954
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1955

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1953
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1954
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1955

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1955

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1953
Barbara C. Perley, Assistant	Term expires 1953

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Archibald L. Trull	Term expires 1953
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1954
James B. Peirce	Term expires 1955

BOARD OF HEALTH

Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1953
Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1954
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1955

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French — B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr. — Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst — John T. Chadwick

Harry E. Trask

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley — Term expires 1953

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D. V. M.

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster — Albert R. Frost

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French — Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1953
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1954
Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1955

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

Rosamond Price	Term expires 1953
E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1954
Albert G. Gale	Term expires 1955
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1955
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1956
Albert C. Waters, Jr.	Term expires 1956
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1957

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dimon Lockwood	Term expires 1953
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1954
Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1955

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Alfred K. Nason	Term expires 1952
Ronald Houldsworth	Term expires 1953
Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1954

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

Philip F. Spofford	Term expires 1953
Paul L. Killam	Term expires 1954

SPECIAL POLICE

Maurice W. Carleton	Norman P. Hoogerzeil
Forrest G. Eaton	Chester A. Leighton
Clinton E. French	Charles R. Moulton
Charles H. Getchell	Joseph A. O'Rourke
Everett P. Gould	Robert P. Parkhurst
Walter S. Hale	Archibald Peabody

Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.

RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson	Ernest M. Mortimer
Horace D. Moore	Francis S. Smith

SWORN WEIGHERS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1950 census), 925.

Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Fourth Essex Senatorial District and in the Ninth Essex Representative District.

The Senator is John Adams, 15 Stratford Road, Andover, Mass.

The Representative is Paul G. Zollo, 5 Florence Street, Danvers, Mass.

LIST OF JURORS—1952-1953

Auger, Arthur A., retired, Washington Street, West Boxford
Cargill, Thomas E., retired, Main Street, Boxford
Dick, William H., retired, Valley Road, West Boxford
Gamans, Walter H., Jr., carpenter, Main Street, West Boxford
Hebb, Albert C., lumberman, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
Hoogerzeil, Norman P., inspector, Depot Road, Boxford
Killam, Paul L., farmer, Killam Hill road, Boxford
Morss, Walter K., fruit specialist, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
O'Rourke, Joseph A., retired, Main Street, Boxford
Riggs, Hamlin, carpenter, Main Street, Boxford
Sperry, Herbert W., electrician, Main Street, West Boxford
Upton, Eben A., retired, off Lockwood Lane, Boxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The annual town meeting of the Town of Boxford was held in the Town Hall Boxford on March 3, 1952 at 8 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, William J. Greenler, Jr. No clergyman being present, a moment of silent prayer was observed. The following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees as printed.

Article 2. Voted to adopt the budget as amended.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,000 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate $2,000 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $21,000 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway re-location, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes therfor paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 7. Voted to pass over.

Article 8. Voted to increase the compensation for labor in the highway and tree departments to $1.25 per hour, all other labor to be compensated at $1.00 per hour.

Article 9. Voted that such action as may be deemed best in regard to making roads passable when encumbered with snow be left to the town highway surveyors.

Article 10. Voted that determining when the taxes should be committed to the Collector, also the manner of collecting the same be left in the hands of the Assessors of Taxes.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for use towards the maintenance of the same.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate $322.68 refunded from the county on account of dog licenses to be shared equally between the libraries of the two parishes.

Article 13. Voted to appropriate a sum not to exceed $7,000 from the Surplus Revenue for the purpose of reducing the 1952 tax levy, subject to the provisions of the General Laws.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 to continue the improvement of Glendale Road to the North Andover town line.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to continue the improvement of Main Street from the section completed in 1951 toward West Boxford.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $75.00 for the further conditioning and upkeep of the Ancient Graves in the Boxford Village Cemetery.

Article 17. Voted to transfer to the Parish of the First Church of Boxford a certain parcel of land now known as "Common Land" bordered by the property of Frank A. Manny and Annette Sawyer Manny on the west, property of the Parish of the First Church on the north, and Middleton Road on the south and east, for the sum of $1.00 subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 18. Voted that the sum of $833.79 (eight hundred and thirty three dollars and seventy nine cents) be transferred from funds of last years School Building Committee to present School House Committee.

Article 19. No action taken.

Article 20. Voted to install an electric street light in front of residence of Oscar O. Anderson on Lake Shore Road.

Article 21. Voted to adjourn at 11:00 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. the next morning for the annual election of officers of the town.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1952

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	400.00
Assessors	1,425.00
Treasurer	425.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,600.00
Accountant	1,600.00
Registrars	200.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	25.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Elections	600.00
Board of Health	1,100.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	1,000.00

Dog Officer	50.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,000.00
Dutch Elm Control	300.00
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00
Disability Assistance	2,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,800.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00
Schools	42,160.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,000.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,800.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	10,000.00
Street Lighting	650.00
Town Halls	2,250.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2,200.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Clerical	300.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Interest on Loans	100.00
Town Reports	500.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Central Essex Welfare District	301.50
Chapter 90 Construction	1,500.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Civil Defense	500.00
	$101,446.50

OTHER ITEMS:

Article 11	$400.00	
Article 14	400.00	
Article 15	1,000.00	
Article 16	75.00	
		$1,875.00
Total to be Raised and Appropriated		$103,321.50

TRANSFERS:

Article 3	$1,000.00	
Article 4	2,000.00	
Article 5	21,000.00	
Article 12	322.68	
Article 13	7,000.00	
Article 18	833.79	
Total Transfers		$32,156.47

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 28, 1952

A special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs was called in the First Church of Boxford on Tuesday the 28th day of October 1952 at 8 p.m. The meeting was called to order by William J. Gheenler, Jr., the moderator, and a moment of silent prayer was observed. The following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted that the town approve the construction of four classrooms and a general purpose room to be erected at the site of the Aaron Wood School.

Article 2. Voted that the Schoolhouse Committee be authorized to procure plans, specifications, and cost figures for the construction of four classrooms and a general purpose room at the site of the Aaron Wood School as approved under Article 1.

Article 3. Voted that the town appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $750.00 for the purpose of obtaining the plans, specifications, and cost figures under the authority apprvoed under article 2.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of $200.00 to construct a gravel road which will make the Town Dump accessible at all times.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,900.00 to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, and any other highway re-location, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6. Voted to transfer the sum of $194.13 to the Board of Health Account from the 1951 unexpended School Account.

Article 7. Voted to adjorn at 10:15 P.M.

A true record,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

RECORD OF BIRTHS—1952

Date	*Name*	*Parents' Names*
1951		
Oct. 28	Horace D. Lambert 3rd	Horace D. Lambert Nancy Dodge
Dec. 29	William Charles Stelzner	William B. Stelzner Gertrude E. Corcoran
1952		
Jan. 5	Elizabeth Dineen	John P. Dineen Katheryn R. Winters
Jan. 12	Richard Joseph Tetreault	Oliver J. Tetreault Elizabeth Sheldon
Jan. 21	Michael Melvin	Leonard J. Melvin Rose B. Stevenson
Apr. 8	Leslie Elizabeth Innis	Leslie E. Innis Joanne Crosby
Apr. 16	Sally Ann Cargill	William R. Cargill Mary L. Waters
Apr. 29	Karen Marie Smith	Francis S. Smith Virginia R. Fossa
May 5	Wayne Steven Vincent	Eugene J. J. Vincent Olive I. Sherman
May 13	Nancy Patricia Blaisdell	Ralph W. Blaisdell Margaret B. Costa
June 17	Joy Anne Hagen	George E. Hagen Edna M. Scranton
June 24	Jonathan Pullen Means	Robert L. Means Elizabeth A. Jackson
July 3	Robert Alan Wyner	Joseph Wyner Janice Purrier
Aug. 2	Leland Alvin Waitt	Alvin B. Waitt Marion R. Foren
Sept. 16	Robert Elwood Turnbull, Jr.	Robert E. Turnbull Margaret R. Killam
Oct. 23	Pamela Jean Fulton	Robert O. Fulton Shirley J. Palm
Nov. 8	Ronald Paul Houldsworth	Ronald Houldsworth Marjorie E. Andrews
Nov. 9	Theresa Anne McGrath	John F. McGrath Marion G. Joyce

MARRIAGES DURING 1952

Date	*Name*	*Residence*
Jan. 4	Robert James Graham, Jr.	Topsfield
	Johan Morgan Titus	Boxford
Feb. 22	Jerrold C. Chadwick	Boxford
	Lee Ovington	Georgetown
Mar. 1	Charles Richard Cunningham	Boxford
	Harriet Rose Andrews	Byfield
Mar. 29	Edward Q. Rouff	Boxford
	Hilda L. Ford	Topsfield
Apr. 19	Earle Greenleaf Woodman	Boxford
	Elizabeth Lovett	Groveland
May 29	Seth L. Kelsey, Jr.	Boxford
	Lita Grace Goddard	Boxford
June 21	James Crocker Sanderson	Columbus, Ohio
	Coralie Childs	Boxford
July 14	Charles Henry Callahan	Boxford
	Lila Mildred Moran	Danvers
Aug. 9	Alvin I. Thompson	New Haven, Conn.
	Clara E. Groves	Boxford
Oct. 12	Ralph Albert Dudley, Jr.	Amesbury
	Charlotte Ann Kelley	Boxford
Nov. 16	Richard A. Tuttle	Haverhill
	Marjorie Blodgett	Boxford
Nov. 26	Joseph Staniford Perkins, Jr.	Boxford
	Mary-Jane Walsh	Topsfield
Nov. 29	David Miles Myers	Cambridge
	Anne Price	Boxford
Dec. 16	Donald Richard Saunders	Wenham
	Jeanne Ann Garry	Boxford

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1952

Date	*Name*	*Age*		
		Yr.	M.	D.
Jan. 12	Allen Gillis	57	2	1
Jan. 16	David Harry Morin, Jr.	53	7	17
Feb. 22	Thelma Osgood Morehouse	34	9	18
Feb. 25	Mae Elizabeth Pinder	66	—	—
Apr. 29	Thomas Holgate	85	2	17

July 24	Mary Abbie Herrick	80	2	17
July 25	Richard Kowalski	20	11	6
Oct. 6	Susan (Weare) Hubbard	89	1	22
Nov. 11	Philip Hamilton Gordon	72	0	6
Dec. 17	Gregory V. Osgood	43	9	0
Dec. 22	Clarence F. Ray	71	7	25
Dec. 24	Alexander M. Dow	80	—	15

DOG LICENSES FOR 1952

96 Males at $2.00	$192.00
22 Females at $5.00	110.00
29 Spays at $2.00	58.00
4 Kennels at $10.00	40.00
3 Kennels at $25.00	75.00
1 Transfer at $.25	.25
2 Military Free	
	$475.25
Fees	31.05
	$444.20

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR 1952

6 Free Licenses	
28 Fishing Licenses at $3.25	$91.00
28 Hunting Licenses at $3.25	91.00
15 Sporting Licenses at $5.25	78.75
4 Minor Fishing Licenses at $1.25	5.00
4 Female Fishing Licenses at $2.25	9.00
1 Non-resident Fishing License at $2.75 (Special)	2.75
1 Non-resident Fishing License at $7.75	7.75
1 Duplicate at $.50	.50
1 Military Sporting at $2.00 (Non-resident)	2.00
	$287.75
Fees	31.50
	$256.25

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operating costs of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.

2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government and other cities and towns.

3. Receipts of departments and available funds.

4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year was	$129,503.47
Other expenses for the year were:	
Veterans' Service	100.00
State Parks and Reservations	159.10
County Tax	4,072.44
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	973.44
Contributory Retirement Assessment	1,032.68
Overlay for 1952	3,741.53
	$139,582.66
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated at	62,574.38
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	77,008.28
The Poll Tax—325—yielded	650.00

In order to collect the balance of $76,358.28, called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was as-

signed a value for assessment purposes. Those assessments were as follows:

Personal Estate	$296,115.00
Real Estate—buildings and land	1,400,720.00
Giving a total valuation of	$1,696,835.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $45.00, which made a tax on personal property of $13,325.28 and on real estate $63,033.00.

The Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax on 710 vehicles valued at $344,940.00 at the state-wide rate of $48.25 yielded $13,408.02.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK

J. WARREN CHADWICK

HARRY L. COLE

Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1952

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector:		
Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$54,336.63	
Personal Property	11,894.03	
Poll	554.00	
Classified Forest Land	140.01	
		$66,924.67
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$7,192.93	
Personal Property	1,374.22	
Poll	50.00	
Classified Forest Land	31.46	
		8,648.61
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1950	$22.43	
Levy of 1951	2,097.67	
Levy of 1952	7,590.33	
		9,710.43
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$24,300.27	
Chap. 90 Construction	3,000.00	
		27,300.27
For Education:		
High School Transportation	$6,880.00	
Superintendent, Small Towns	560.00	
Chap. 70, School Aid	5,083.34	
Tuition, State Children	1,964.88	
Vocational Education	2.40	
		14,490.62

For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$2,878.84	
Corporation Taxes	5,180.68	
Loss of Taxes	1,191.77	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	453.60	
Snow Removal	21.00	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Board of Health	135.00	
School Lunch Program	151.66	
		10,037.55
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$5,388.24	
Old Age Assist., U. S. Grant	4,844.95	
Old Age Assist., Admin., U. S. Grant	140.46	
Aid to Dependent Children	523.49	
Aid to Dep. Child., U. S. Grant	549.00	
Aid to Dep. Child., Admin., U. S. Grant	11.05	
Disability Assistance	23.08	
Disability Assist., U. S. Grant	176.15	
Veterans' Benefits	13.65	
		11,670.07
County of Essex:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction		1,500.00
Dog License refund		322.68
Trust and Investment Funds:		
J. T. Barker School Fund	$650.00	
Interest on School Funds	122.50	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	50.00	
Killam and Curtis Cemetery Fund	10.00	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	93.10	
West Parish	81.15	
		1,006.75

Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$125.59	
Police	8.75	
Forest Warden	83.80	
Highway	49.35	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	22.65	
		290.14
Licenses and Permits:		
Dogs	$422.25	
Slaughter	400.00	
Building	51.50	
Junk	17.00	
Revolver	13.50	
Ice Cream	10.00	
Milk	4.00	
Fire Arms Dealer	5.00	
Oleo	.50	
Peddler	3.00	
Auctioneers	4.00	
Recreational Camp	3.00	
Lord's Day	1.00	
		934.75
Unclassified:		
Land Taking (Taxes)	$402.89	
Interest on Taxes	333.72	
School Lunch Program	403.40	
Withholding Tax Deductions	3,088.60	
Rent of Town Halls	227.25	
Rent of Morse House	143.00	
Wood—Town Forest	16.00	
Waste paper	.40	
Departmental refunds	127.70	
Use of telephones	.60	
		4,743.56
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$157,580.10

EXPENDITURES FOR 1952

GENERAL GOVERMENT

Selectmen	$1,004.70	
Board of Public Welfare	301.12	
Assessors	1,269.42	
Treasurer	281.56	
Town Clerk	237.55	
Accountant	1,424.62	
Tax Collector	1,437.29	
Registrars	192.00	
Elections	493.75	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Appeal Board	82.35	
Building Inspector	200.00	
Wire Inspector	186.00	
Finance Committee	10.00	
School House Committee	220.94	
Board of Health	1,235.78	
Inspector of Slaughtering	928.00	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
		$10,055.08

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$32.87	
Dog Officer	50.00	
Police	992.36	
Deputy Game Warden	50.00	
Forest Warden	1,510.33	
Fire Warden	1,000.00	
Tree Warden	575.94	
Moth Suppression	999.18	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	299.40	
		5,510.08

AID AND RELIEF

Central Essex Welfare District, Admin.	$301.50	
Public Welfare	585.47	
Disability Assistance	395.14	
Old Age Assistance	9,797.12	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	2,181.60	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,285.45	
Aid to Dependent Child., U. S. Grant	329.75	
Veterans' Benefits	148.46	
		15,024.49

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$42,052.47	
School Department, 1951 Account	209.73	
J. T. Barker Fund	800.00	
Vocational Education	32.10	
School Lunch Program	499.91	
East Parish Library	454.44	
West Parish Library	442.49	
		44,491.14

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$17,919.90	
Chap. 90 Endicott Road Bridge	2,500.00	
Chap. 90 Construction, Depot Road	2,101.64	
Chap. 90 Construction, Topsfield Road	536.95	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,486.20	
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	499.75	
Glendale Road	378.50	
Main Street	986.52	
Snow Removal and Sanding	9,746.64	
Road Machinery Maintenance	983.32	
Street Lighting	612.37	
		37,751.79

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	$1,891.72	
Public Grounds	132.17	
Insurance	1,612.58	
Town Forest	200.00	
Memorial Day	207.83	
Soldiers' Graves	200.00	
Harmony Cemetery	50.00	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Curtis and Killam Burial Lot	10.00	
Boxford Village Cemetery	75.00	
Town Dump Road	190.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	50.00	
Clerical	260.00	
Withholding Tax Deductions	3,088.60	
Town Reports	473.00	
Civil Defense	503.93	
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	4.50	
Essex Sanitorium	2,247.68	
Veterans' Service District	100.00	
State Parks & Reservations	170.89	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	86.26	
County Tax	3,746.26	
County Retirement System	1,032.68	
Departmental Refunds	453.39	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	106.82	
Dog Licenses to County	429.80	
		17,373.11
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$130,205.69

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1952

Assets

Cash: General		$95,052.48
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1950:		
Real Estate	$823.22	
Personal Property	24.15	
		847.37
Levy of 1951:		
Poll	20.00	
Real Estate	2,680.30	
Personal Property	446.87	
		3,147.17
Levy of 1952:		
Poll	30.00	
Real Estate	7,769.67	
Personal Property	1,418.87	
		9,218.54
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1949	2.41	
Levy of 1950	58.29	
Levy of 1951	43.59	
Levy of 1952	5,577.62	
		5,681.91
Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1951	6.08	
Levy of 1952	36.01	
		42.09

Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	175.88	
Disability Assistance	6.41	
Town Halls	46.00	
		228.29
Tax Titles		56.99
State & County Aid to Highways:		
Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,837.21	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	500.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	7,000.00	
		10,337.21
Underestimates:		
State Parks & Reservations	11.79	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	86.26	
Tuberculosis Hospital	1,274.24	
		1,372.29
		$125,984.34

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities $54,182.48

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1952

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Titles	$56.99	
Motor Vehicle Excise	5,681.91	
Departmental Revenue	228.29	
Special Assessment Revenue	42.09	
State & County Aid to Highways Revenue	10,337.21	
		$16,346.49

Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1950	847.37	
Levy of 1951	817.11	
Levy of 1952	2,736.45	
		4,400.93
Overlay Surplus: Reserve		6,684.22
Excess and Deficiency		77,818.49
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	10,392.71	
Old Age Assistance, Administration	866.71	
Aid to Dependent Children	930.39	
Aid to Dep. Child., Administration	89.01	
Disability Assistance	176.15	
		12,454.97
Appropriation Accounts:		
School House Committee	1,862.85	
Chapter 90 Construction	3,868.36	
		5,731.21
J. T. Barker Fund		1,252.13
School Lunch Program		58.49
Road Machinery Fund		905.58
Overestimates:		
County Tax		326.18
Dog Licenses		5.65
		$125,984.34

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$30,702.57
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	8,399.69
East Parish Library	3,500.00

East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,285.53	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,123.11	
Curtis & Killam Burial Lot Fund	257.66	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	913.92	
		$54,182.48

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1952

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$1,050.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$975.00	
Office supplies	10.70	
State & Co., Assoc., dues	19.00	
Total expenditures	$1,004.70	
Balance to revenue	45.30	
	$1,050.00	$1,050.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$400.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$300.00	
Postage	1.12	
Total expenditures	$301.12	
Balance to revenue	98.88	
	$400.00	$400.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$1,425.00
Salaries, Assessors	$1,000.00	

Clerical	214.00	
Office supplies	18.46	
Abstracts	27.96	
State Assoc. dues	9.00	
Total expenditures	$1,269.42	
Balance to revenue	155.58	
	$1,425.00	$1,425.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$425.00
Salary, Treasurer	$200.00	
Bond	58.00	
Office supplies	16.76	
Rent of safety deposit vault	4.80	
State Assoc., rues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$281.56	
Balance to revenue	143.44	
	$425.00	$425.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$400.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$200.00	
Bond	5.00	
Printing	3.00	
Office expense	24.55	
State Assoc. dues	5.00	
Total expenditures	237.55	
Balance to Revenue	162.45	
	$400.00	$400.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Salary, Tax Collector	$1,200.00	
Bonds	112.25	
Office expense	123.04	
State Assoc. dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	1,437.29	
Balance to revenue	162.71	
	$1,600.00	$1,600.00

Accountant

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Salary, Accountant	$1,350.00	
Office supplies	74.62	
Total expenditures	1,424.62	
Balance to revenue	175.38	
	$1,600.00	$1,600.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	500.00	
	$500.00	$500.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation		$50.00
State Assoc., dues	$10.00	
Total expenditures	10.00	
Balance to revenue	40.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$200.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$192.00	
Total expenditures	192.00	
Balance to revenue	8.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Elections

Appropriation		$600.00
Services, Election Officers	$380.00	
Use of church	10.00	
Services, Town Clerk	17.00	
Printing and supplies	86.75	
Total expenditures	493.75	
Balance to revenue	106.25	
	$600.00	$600.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$25.00
Balance to revenue	$25.00	
	$25.00	$25.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$100.00
Advertising	$82.35	
Total expenditures	82.35	
Balance to revenue	17.65	
	$100.00	$100.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$200.00
Services, Building Inspector	$175.00	
Office expense	25.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Wire Inspector

Appropriation		$200.000
Services, Wire Inspector	$162.00	
Office expense	15.00	
Telephone	9.00	
Total expenditures	186.00	
Balance to revenue	14.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

School House Committee

Balance from 1951		$500.00
Transfer from School Bldg. Committee Acct.		833.79
Transfer from Surplus Revenue		750.00
Printing	$86.30	
Postage, addressing, etc.	134.64	
Total expenditures	220.94	
Balance to 1953	1,862.85	
	$2,083.79	$2,083.79

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$1,100.00
Transfer from 1951 School Acct.		194.13
Salaries, Board of Health	$75.00	

T.B. X-Ray expense	23.40	
Office supplies	10.38	
Maintenance of Dump	144.00	
Hospitalization	983.00	
Total expenditures	1,235.78	
Balance to revenue	58.35	
	$1,294.13	$1,294.13

Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Salaries, Inspectors of Slaughtering	$928.00	
Total expenditures	$928.00	
Balance to revenue	72.00	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Town Dump Road

Transfer from Surplus Revenue		$200.00
Labor	$65.00	
Trucks	45.00	
Gravel	80.00	
Use of Town Tools	10.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Services, Police Officers	$925.15	
Supplies	67.21	
Total expenditures	$992.36	
Balance to revenue	7.64	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Deputy Game Warden

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Deputy Game Warden	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$35.00
Salary, Sealer	$25.00	
Office supplies	7.87	
Total expenditures	$32.87	
Balance to revenue	2.13	
	$35.00	$35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Janitor service	$200.00	
Labor	82.00	
Equipment	150.00	
Repairs	344.32	
Supplies	125.19	
Fuel	91.99	
Fire Engineering subscription	3.50	
Association dues	3.00	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Refund		2.00
Transfer from Reserve		8.33
Salary, Forest Warden	$132.00	
Janitor	100.00	
Labor	280.00	
Telephones	462.20	
Equipment	379.03	
Repairs	52.90	
Fuel	104.20	
	$1,510.33	$1,510.33

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$600.00
Labor	$182.75	
Trucks	120.00	
Power saw	85.00	
Tree removal	177.60	
Supplies	7.59	

State Association dues	3.00	
Total expenditures	$575.94	
Balance to revenue	24.06	
	$600.00	$600.00

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$477.50	
Trucks	91.50	
Elm tree removal	357.78	
Repairs	22.60	
Supplies	35.16	
Gasoline and oil	14.64	
Total expenditures	$999.18	
Balance to revenue	.82	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Dutch Elm Control

Appropriation		$300.00
Labor	$57.00	
Truck	6.00	
Power saw	3.00	
Elm tree removal	233.40	
Total expenditures	$299.40	
Balance to revenue	.60	
	$300.00	$300.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Cash	$364.00	

Fuel	72.00	
Hospitalization	74.47	
Other towns	75.00	
Total expenditures	$585.47	
Balance to revenue	414.53	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$12,000.00
Cash	$9,289.76	
Other cities and towns	507.36	
Total expenditures	$9,797.12	
Balance to revenue	2,202.88	
	$12,000.00	$12,000.00

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1951		$7,697.51
Refund		31.85
Federal Grants		4,844.95
Cash	$2,181.60	
Balance to 1953	10,392.71	
	$12,574.31	$12,574.31

Old Age Assistance, Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1951		$726.25
Federal Grants		140.46
Balance to 1953	$866.71	
	$866.71	$866.71

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	$1,800.00

Cash	$1,285.45	
Balance to revenue	514.55	
	$1,800.00	$1,800.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1951		$711.14
Federal Grants		549.00
Cash	$329.75	
Balance to 1953	930.39	
	$1,260.14	$1,260.14

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1951		$77.96
Federal Grants		11.05
Balance to 1953	$89.01	
	$89.01	$89.01

Disability Assistance

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Cash	$395.14	
Balance to revenue	1,604.86	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant

Federal Grants		$176.15
Balance to 1953	$176.15	
	$176.15	$176.15

Central Essex Welfare District—Administration

Appropriation		$301.50
Transferred to Welfare District	$301.50	
	$301.50	$301.50

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Cash	$120.00	
Groceries	21.16	
Fuel	7.30	
Total expenditures	$148.46	
Balance to revenue	851.54	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$239.49	
Trucks	21.00	
Tile	63.00	
Salt	137.40	
Sheriff and court costs	27.52	
Repairs	8.39	
Grass seed	2.95	
Total expenditures	$499.75	
Balance to revenue	500.25	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation		$1,000.00
State allotment		500.00
Labor	$441.25	
Trucks	154.47	
Sand	128.77	
Oil	761.71	
Use of town tools	13.80	
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Topsfield Road

Balance from 1952		$536.95
Labor	$248.75	
Trucks	61.50	
Oil	222.78	
Sand	3.92	
	$536.95	$536.95

Chapter 90—Construction, Depot Road

Appropriation		$1,500.00
State allotment		3,000.00
County allotment		1,500.00
Labor	$1,103.75	
Trucks	167.50	
Shovel	115.20	
Bulldozer	408.00	
Power saw	15.00	
Use of town tools	30.00	
Pipe	225.13	
Cement	6.20	
Sand and gravel	60.86	
Total expenditures	$2,131.64	
Balance to 1953	3,868.36	
	$6,000.00	$6,000.00

Chapter 90—Endicott Road Bridge

State allotment		$2,500.00
Labor	$817.50	
Trucks	157.26	
Crane	72.00	
Carpenters	433.25	
Concrete	485.55	
Lumber	202.05	
Hardware	227.12	
Tools	44.25	
Sand and gravel	34.28	
Gasoline and oil	26.74	
	$2,500.00	$2,500.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,800.00
State allotment		15,400.00
Labor	$8,051.50	
Trucks	2,372.53	
Bulldozer	147.00	
Grader	146.50	
Tractors	137.50	
Loader	26.00	
Use of town tools	280.10	
Oil	4,618.63	
Sand and gravel	2,184.09	
Pipe	100.21	
Guard rail	49.50	
Tools	34.39	
Signs	39.75	
Cement	12.30	
	$18,200.00	$18,200.00

Glendale Road

Appropriation		$400.00
Labor	$197.25	
Trucks	73.50	
Use of town tools	21.50	
Sand and gravel	107.75	
	$400.00	$400.00

Main Street

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor	$354.25	
Trucks	133.50	
Use of town tools	10.40	
Sand and gravel	152.08	
Oil	346.69	
Total expenditures	$996.92	
Balance to revenue	3.08	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$10,000.00
Labor	$2,916.00	
Trucks	1,035.00	
Trucks and plows	2,213.50	
2 Sand Spreaders	2,160.00	
Use of town tools	243.15	
Repairs	560.75	
Sand	486.02	
Salt	346.55	
Gasoline and oil	20.29	

Mass. D. P. W.	7.39	
Telephone	1.14	
Total expenditures	$9,989.79	
Balance to revenue	10.21	
	$10,000.00	$10,000.00

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund		$1,000.00
Labor	$303.75	
Trucks	4.50	
Gasoline and oil	235.25	
Repairs	344.46	
Light	12.12	
Tools	65.79	
Storage	15.00	
Telephone	2.45	
Total expenditures	$983.32	
Balance to Road Machinery Fund	16.68	
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$650.00
Street lights	$612.37	
Balance to revenue	37.63	
	$650.00	$650.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation		$42,160.00
Teachers' Salaries:		
Morse School	$5,408.44	

Aaron Wood School	5,583.52	
Community House School	2,691.56	
School Teachers	1,344.36	
Substitutes	180.00	
Superintendence:		
Salary	870.00	
Clerk	270.00	
Expense	129.95	
Health:		
Nurse	320.00	
Physicians	250.00	
Tuition	10,624.16	
Transportation	8,172.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	1,200.12	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Committee expense	93.80	
Books	528.58	
Supplies	1,356.84	
Equipment	132.00	
Fuel	1,333.70	
Light	445.34	
Telephones	200.41	
Repairs	284.69	
Insurance	600.00	
Grounds	12.00	
Total expenditures	$42,051.47	
Balance to revenue	108.53	
	$42,160.00	$42,160.00

J. T. Barker Fund

Balance from 1951		$1,402.13
Interest received from Trustees		650.00
Tuition, Andover	$800.00	
Balance to 1953	1,252.13	
	$2,052.13	$2,052.13

1951 School Account

Balance from 1951		$403.86
Repairs	$118.13	
Fuel	58.13	
Supplies	13.32	
School Committee expense	20.15	
Total expenditures	$209.73	
Transfer to Board of Health	194.13	
	$403.86	$403.86

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$300.00
Tuition	$32.10	
Balance to revenue	267.90	
	$300.00	$300.00

School Lunch Program

Balance from 1951		$3.34
State Grants		151.66
Cash		403.40
Milk	499.91	
Balance to 1953	58.49	
	$558.40	$558.40

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license refund from County		161.34
Interest from Library Funds		93.10
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	$454.44	
	$454.44	$454.44

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license from County		161.34
Interest from Library Funds		81.15
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n.	$442.49	
	$442.49	$442.49

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$2,250.00
Janitors	$254.50	
Fuel	207.77	
Light	96.18	
Telephone	169.28	
Repairs	288.22	
Heating unit at Town Hall	850.00	
Supplies	25.77	
Total expenditures	$1,891.72	
Balance to revenue	358.28	
	$2,250.00	$2,250.00

Town Halls—1951 Account

Balance from 1951		$412.42
Balance to revenue	$412.42	
	$412.42	$412.42

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$250.00
Care of public grounds	$132.17	
Balance to revenue	117.83	
	$250.00	$250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$200.00
Labor	$192.00	
Power saw	8.00	
	$200.00	$200.00

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$225.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$100.00	
West Parish Cemeteries	100.00	
Total expenditures	$200.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
	$225.00	$225.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor and materials	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$75.00
Cleaning and resetting old stones	$75.00	
	$75.00	$75.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Killam and Curtis Cemetery

Interest from fund		$10.00
Care of Cemetery	$10.00	
	$10.00	$10.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$250.00
Music	$150.00	
Flags	24.61	
Refreshments	19.50	
Ammunition	6.85	
Flowers	5.10	
Rope	1.77	
Total expenditures	207.83	
Balance to revenue	42.17	
	$250.00	$250.00

Clerical

Appropriation		$300.00
Clerical	$260.00	
Balance to revenue	40.00	
	$300.00	$300.00

Morse House

Appropriation		$100.00
Balance to revenue	$100.00	
	$100.00	$100.00

Interest on Loans

Appropriation		$100.00
Balance to revenue	$100.00	
	$100.00	$100.00

Town Reports

Appropriation		$500.00
Town Reports	$473.00	
Balance to revenue	27.00	
	$500.00	$500.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$500.00
Expense refunded to Dog Officer	$4.50	
Balance to revenue	495.50	
	$500.00	$500.00

Civil Defense

Appropriation		$500.00
Transfer from Reserve		3.93
Communications	$315.23	
Fire equipment	188.70	
	$503.93	$503.93

Insurance

Appropriation		$2,200.00
Insurance Policies:		
Fire	$45.50	
Compensation	700.73	
Liability	715.05	
Volunteer Firemen	96.25	
Fire & Theft, Motor Vehicles	55.05	
Total expenditures	$1,612.58	
Balance to revenue	587.42	
	$2,200.00	$2,200.00

Sarah P. Perley Fund

Interest from Fund		$50.00
Cash	$50.00	
	$50.00	$50.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$2,000.00
Transfer to Forest Warden	$8.33	
Transfer to Civil Defense	3.93	
Total transfers	$12.26	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	$1,987.74	
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA C. PERLEY

Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1952 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1952		$67,678.07
S. S. Pearl, Tax Collector	$85,617.43	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	27,300.27	
Education	14,490.62	
Taxes	9,704.89	
Old Age Assist., grants & refunds	10,373.65	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants & refunds	1,083.54	
Disability Assist., grants and refunds	199.23	
Veterans' Benefits refunds	13.65	
Animals Inspection refunds	25.00	
Board of Health refund	135.00	
Land Taking—Taxes	402.89	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 & 133	21.00	
School Lunch Program	151.66	
County of Essex:		
Highways	1,500.00	
Dog License refund	322.68	
Trust Funds, income	1,006.75	
Departmental receipts	290.74	
Licenses and permits	934.75	
Income from town property	386.65	
Withholding Tax account	3,088.60	
Departmental refunds	127.70	
School Lunch Program	403.40	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		157,580.10
		$225,258.17
Disbursements:		
Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen		$130,205.69
Balance December 31, 1952		$95,052.48

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $13,650.00:

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$6,500.00
7,150 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2⅞'s, 60/65	7,150.00
	$13,650.00

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$5,833.33
Interest for the year 1952	176.30
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$6,009.63

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$111.18
Interest for the year 1952	2.79
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$113.97

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$10,251.08
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	368.07
Savings Bank interest for 1952	309.82
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$10,928.97

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank are United States Treasury Bonds as follows:

$2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds reg 2½'s, 69/64	$2,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 71/66	3,000.00
	$5,000.00

Interest from these bonds is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$1,163.08
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	125.00
Savings Bank interest for 1952	35.70
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$1,323.78

Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$2,015.00
Interest for the year 1952	60.91
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$2,075.91

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$2,123.03
Interest for the year 1952	50.08
	$2,173.11
Withdrawn	50.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$2,123.11

CURTIS AND KILLIAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$260.11
Interest for the year 1952	7.55
	$267.66
Withdrawn	10.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$257.66

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$2,000.00
Interest for the year 1952	47.77
	$2,047.77
Withdrawn	47.77
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$2,000.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1952	45.33
	$1,545.33
Withdrawn	45.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:	
On deposit Jan. 1952	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1952	35.82
	$1,535.82
Withdrawn	35.82
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$1,500.00
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$1,500.00
Interest for the year 1952	45.33
	$1,545.33
Withdrawn	45.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$1,500.00

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$1,247.83
Interest for the year 1952	37.70
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$1,285.53

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1952	$887.11
Interest for the year 1952	26.81
Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$913.92

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1952

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	
Book No. 11474	$1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank	
Book No. 5501	2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank	
Book No. 83786	1,000.00
Total amount of fund	$4,000.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$30.00
Danvers Savings Bank	60.00
Salem Savings Bank	32.50
Total	$122.50

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST
JOHN T. CHADWICK
HARRY E. TRASK
Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1948

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1952	$2.52	
Taxes collected:		
Real Estate		$2.52
	$2.52	$2.52

TAXES—1949

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1952	$1,108.13	
Interest collected	92.77	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$4.00
Real Estate		1,048.59
Personal Property		48.93
Interest		92.77
Abatements:		
Personal Property		4.20
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953		2.41
	$1,200.90	$1,200.90

TAXES—1950

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1952	$3,025.25	
Interest collected	105.61	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$10.00
Real Estate		1,647.20
Personal Property		361.83
Classified Forest Land		3.78
Motor Vehicle Excise		22.43
Interest		105.61
Abatements:		
Poll		2.00

Personal Property		40.32
Motor Vehicle Excise		32.03
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953		905.66
	$3,130.86	$3,130.86

TAXES—1951

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1952	$11,058.61	
Interest collected	126.39	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	2.69	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$36.00
Real Estate		4,494.62
Personal Property		963.46
Classified Forest Land		27.68
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,097.67
Interest		126.39
Abatements:		
Poll		2.00
Real Estate		36.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		207.03
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953		3,196.84
	$11,187.69	$11,187.69

TAXES—1952

Real Estate Commitment	$63,033.00	
Personal Property Commitment	13,325.28	
Poll Tax Commitment	650.00	
Classified Forest Land Assessment	179.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	13,408.02	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	104.13	
Interest collected	8.95	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$554.00
Real Estate		54,336.63

Personal Property		11,894.03
Classified Forest Land		140.01
Motor Vehicle Excise		7,590.33
Interest		8.95
Abatements:		
Poll		66.00
Real Estate		926.70
Personal Property		12.38
Motor Vehicle Excise		344.20
Transfer to Tax Title Account		3.38
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953		14,832.17
	$90,708.78	$90,708.78

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$61,529.56
Personal Property	13,268.25
Poll	604.00
Classified Forest Land	171.47
Motor Vehicle Excise	9,710.43
Interest	333.72
Paid to Treasurer	$85,617.43

Respectfully submitted,

SIMEON S. PEARL,

Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The highway program for the year 1952 was as follows: Under Chapter 81, the $15,400.00 contributed by the State and the $2,800.00 appropriated by the Town to make the State contribution available, was spent for the most part in the resurfacing of black-top roads. A short section of Oak Ridge Road, which has been in very poor condition for many years, was drained, graveled and oiled. The $1,000.00 appropriation for Chapter 90 Maintenance, together with the $500.00 from the State was used to resurface sections of Main and Washington Streets with asphalt. Under Chapter 90 Construction the $1,500.00 raised by the Town was matched by the County and $3,000.00 was contributed by the State. This $6,000.00 was set up for the relocation and reconstruction of a short section of Depot Road, a portion of which was partially constructed in 1952 and the balance of the appropriation is being held over to 1953.

In the summer of 1952 the State rebuilt a section of Endicott Road in order to complete the overpass for the new highway. In doing this work the southerly end of the bridge over Fish Brook was damaged. This was called to the attention of the State Commissioner of Public Works, who very generously contributed the sum of $5,000.00, half for Boxford and the other half for Topsfield, since the brook is the boundary between the towns. This money was spent widening and rebuilding the bridge, which makes this in keeping with the section built by the State.

All of the above funds were spent under the supervision of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works.

The $1,000.00 apropriated for Main Street was sufficient to resurface and black-top approximately 1,500 feet from the section done in 1951 to the entrance of the Holgate property.

Other special appropriations and uses made of highway funds were the completion of the Glendale Road project,

making this an entirely black-top road. Through the generosity of Mr. Cassino and Mr. Galloway, a very hazardous condition on the westerly side of Elm Street was improved. Also, a section of Herrick Road was oiled, the abutting owners paying for 50% of the cost and the town the balance, and similarly a short section of Middleton Road was oiled with Mr. McManus paying a portion of this.

The $200.00 appropriated at the Special Town Meeting on October 28, 1952, to gravel the road into the Town Dump was spent by the Highway Surveyors and was sufficient to make considerable improvement in the approach to the Dump.

In concluding the report of the highway activities for 1952, may we add that the newly constructed limited access highway has brought considerable benefit financially to the town both in splendidly reconstructed town roads which pass either under or over this highway, the revenue from taxable personal property and the much appreciated cooperation of the contractors and engineers with our highway department.

In October a new oil burning heating unit was installed in the Town Hall, replacing the furnace that has been in use since the Hall was built. Also, a new dome was made for the large furnace used to heat the main hall.

Running water has been connected in the kitchen sink at the Town Hall and a combination, wood and gas, stove presented by the Firemen's Association replaces the old stove. Those using the gas are to reimburse the Firemen's Association.

A parking strip was constructed on the northerly side of the Town Hall grounds adjacent to Middleton Road.

The stage at Lincoln Hall was rebuilt and now presents a very attractive appearance. This was done at no expense to the town except for material. New Venetian blinds to replace the old curtains were purchased and installed, the labor and half the cost of the blinds being contributed by the West Boxford Grange.

We wish to express our appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the departments and officials of the town during the year.

Resectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Selectmen

THE PLANNING BOARD

During the past year the Planning Board has been principally concerned with the school housing problem. Two of our members have been actively engaged in finding a solution to this problem. Mrs. Rosamond Price and Mr. J. Warren Chadwick have given generously of their time and energy to the School Committee and the School Housing Committee respectively. The Planning Board as a whole will present its recommendations at Town Meeting.

Other matters which have been the subject of several meetings are, a proposed re-zoning in West Boxford which did not materialize, the State land taking adjacent to Route 1, and the proposed sub-division on Titus Lane.

The members of the Planning Board are keenly conscious of the problems attendant to an expanding community. A certain amount of expansion seems to be inevitable in Boxford, the problem being how it may best be guided for the future welfare of all. The Board is now engaged in study as to how this may be accomplished. As soon as concrete recommendations can be made, they will be presented to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. COTTON
SIMEON S. PEARL
J. WARREN CHADWICK
E. LAURENCE COLBY
ROSAMOND PRICE
ALBERT C. WATERS, JR.
Planning Board

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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ESTHER K. PERLEY, Secretary

CHARLES L. ATKINS — SETH L. KELSEY
MARGARET LANE — ROBERT B. PARKHURST

Librarians: Bertha Perley and Lucy K. Parkhurst

The library has been open for the distribution of books from 2:30-5:30 every Thursday and Saturday afternoon.

The circulation of books for the year is as follows:
Fiction: Adult 1521, Juvenile 854.
Non-fiction: Adult 1067, Juvenile 202.
Total circulation, 3644.

The teachers of the first three grades have borrowed collections of books which are not included in this total.

There have been 281 books added to the library collection, 25 of which were gifts. Total number of books in the library, 10,772.

There have been several interesting exhibits during the year. It is hoped that the exhibition case will continue to be used.

Copies of Perley's "Dwellings of Boxford" are for sale at the library. Dr. Haynes has made a map which makes it possible for new residents to locate the present day owners of the houses described in "The Dwellings of Boxford."

A great sorrow to the trustees and librarians was the death on July 24th of Miss Mary A. Herrick. She had given much in labor and love to make the library successful. She served as a

trustee for thirty-five years. The resolution adopted by the trustees is given at the end of this report.

The trustees wish to thank all who have made gifts or have assisted in any way in promoting the work of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. PERLEY

Secretary

MINUTE ON MARY ABBIE HERRICK

Adopted by the Trustees of the Boxford Public Library at their meeting on October 25, 1952.

In the passing of Mary Abbie Herrick on July 24, 1952, Boxford lost one of its most able and devoted friends. Her interests were wide, but the Boxford Public Library was perhaps as close to her heart as any.

On September 4, 1917, she became a Trustee of the Library at the same time taking up the duties of Secretary-Treasurer. These she performed loyally and faithfully until August 26, 1944, after which she continued simply as Treasurer. In this latter capacity she served until her death. On September 8, 1923, she had been appointed to the Book Committee as well.

As Secretary-Treasurer, Treasurer, and Book Committee Member she was ever active and gave herself unstintingly to the work of the Library. Particularly did she strive unceasingly to bring the Library before the people of Boxford, and to encourage the children in an appreciation and love of good books.

The Trustees of the Library express herewith their deep sense of loss in her passing. They have spread upon their records this testimonial to the great service which she rendered both to the Library and to her community.

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

OFFICERS

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MRS. ALEXANDER PRICE, Vice President
MISS RUBY F. NASON, Secretary
MRS. JOHN R. BENSON, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Dr. Walter R. Ingalls, Chairman
Mr. John T. Chadwick Mr. Simeon S. Pearl

The year just ended was a very active one at the library. The usual library business supplimented by Thrift Shop and other fund raising ventures gave committee members many busy hours.

Books and magazines circulated totaled 3,321.

Books added to the library numbered 253. These new additions bring the total book collection up to 8,117 volumes. Magazines continue to be popular. We subscribed to several new ones at the beginning of the year.

To the pupils of the Gardner Morse School, 15 State Reading Certificates were awarded for reading a required number of selected books.

The Thrift Shop, our greatest venture in 1952, proved to be a successful business. Its books show a sizable profit and to date we have been able to purchase books and magazines for the library at a cost of $146.25 from this profit.

To all those who assisted during 1952 to make our library more helpful to the community, we are sincerely grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS

Librarian

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the activities of the Boxford Police Department for the year 1952.

Classified activities	*No. of Cases*
Summonses served	6
Complaints (various)	77
Registry requests	4
Automobile accidents	7
Arrests	3
Court appearances	5
Camp breaks	7
Larceny complaints	3
Stolen cars Recovered	2
Escaped mental patients returned	3
Malicious damage complaints	3

Through the past year, as during the previous year, the frequent camp inspections and traffic patrols have kept the damage and accidents down to a minimum.

The completion of the new Route One by-pass as far as Route 97 in Boxford presented us with a problem. Namely, in conducting a very heavy flow of traffic on the roads of the town on the weekends all summer long. This condition will be corrected with the completion of the new Route One by-pass.

The requests of the construction companies for special traffic police again necessitated the swearing in of twelve special officers. The cost of this duty was met by the companies involved as during the previous year. A policy has been adopted this year whereby any person or organization requesting police service by advance notice shall be requested to pay the officer or officers involved at the prescribed town rate.

On October fourteenth the town was presented a two-year safety award by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This award

is presented in recognition of the fact that the town has enjoyed two consecutive years without a motor vehicle fatality.

Throughout the past year, due to the added responsibility of this department, we have been called more frequently than ever before. It will be our aim to keep a man on duty at least eight hours per day over the weekends during the coming year hoping that his service will reduce minor accidents and complaints to a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, JR.

Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen

Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

Fires

1 Automobile

7 Chimney Fires

Pay Roll	$82.00	
Painting interior of Fire House	144.10	
Supplies & Equipment	29.39	
Fuel	91.99	
Repairs	200.22	
Dues	6.50	
Hose	95.80	
Air Horn	150.00	
Janitor	200.00	
Total		$1,000.00
Appropriation		$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Fire Warden

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

There were twenty-seven brush and grass fires and five calls for fire at the dump.

Salary	$132.00	
Payroll	280.00	
Telephone	462.20	
Janitor	100.00	
Supplies & Equipment	386.94	
Repairs	44.99	
Fuel	104.20	
Total	———	$1,510.33
Appropriation		$1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		10.33

Respectfully submitted,
ARCHER N. FRENCH,
Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

The money spent during 1952 was for thinning about four acres of hard wood, mostly maple and oak, also sprout growth was cut in the wood roads. About seven cords of wood was realized from this work which was turned over to two citizens of the town in payment for fifty-six hours of labor at $1.00 per hour. This labor was used for additional thinning in the Forest.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER K. MORSS
MRS. WINTHROP P. HAYNES
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

A great deal of trimming and limbing out has been done during the year. Damage from snow and ice was severe.

In addition to diseased elms, there are several maples which should be removed.

From the $600.00 appropriation, $575.94 was spent, leaving a balance of $24.06.

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON E. NOYES
Tree Warden

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Gypsy Moth damage was very light in 1952, but a much heavier infestation is expected in 1953.

Part of the appropriation was used for the removal of condemned elm trees. Of the total appropriation of $1,000.00, $999.18 was spent.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

The Dutch Elm Disease is increasing in town. A number of elm trees were removed and the wood burned in an effort to control the disease.

$299.40 was spent of the $300.00 appropriated for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
ALERSON E. NOYES
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The number of communicable diseases reported to the Board of health in the year 1952 is the smallest in years. They were as follows:

Meningitis—1 Measles—9 Mumps—2

The X-Ray drive as planned at the last annual town meet-

ing was held on Sept. 15 and 16. 366 persons were x-rayed which is approximately 60% of the adult population.

Licenses were granted as follows:

Recreational camps	6
Slaughter	2
Manufacture of ice cream	2
Lord's Day	2
Milk dealers	10
Oleo	1

The various towns in the county have continued to hold meetings relative to regional health unions and the general opinion seems to be that the law is not practical. We quote, in part, from Chap. 662 of the Acts of 1949:

"All municipalities having a population of less than thirty-five thousand shall, within ten years of the effective date of this act, (Aug. 10, 1949) become voluntarily members of such health unions. If, after ten years from said effective date, municipalities having a population of less than thirty-five thousand are not included voluntarily in such unions, the State Department of Public Health, after a public hearing, shall include such municipalities in existing or new unions unless such communities are providing minimum health services as defined by the Public Health Council."

Please note that unless the Act of which the above is a part is repealed, the town of Boxford will have to become a part of a health district. In view of the very healthy condition of the Boxford residents and other regulating circumstances, we feel that such districts as are contemplated, are, at present unnecessary.

The dump at the "Carey Place" cellar on Washington Street in West Boxford has been permanently discontinued.

The Town Dump continues to be a problem. The material has been bulldozed twice during the year at a cost of $118.00. This is not entirely satisfactory to keep the dump in good condition and we have considered having it closed except for

designated periods with a man there to supervise dumping and to burn the rubbish when fire conditions permitted.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY
Board of Health

REPORT OF CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Active Old Age Assistance Cases	14
Active Aid to Dependent Children Cases	1
Active Disability Assistance Cases	1

Effective October 1, 1952, Federal participation on assistance payments increased from $50 to $55 per month for Old Age Assistance and Disability Assistance, and an amount of $3 per month per recipient in Aid to Dependent Children cases. We expect a resulting decrease in the Town's share of the Federal programs to reflect itself in 1953.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES A. POWERS,
Welfare Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The expenses for General Relief in the year 1952 were $585.47, which is somewhat more than the amount spent in 1951.

The Central Essex Welfare Dstrict administers the Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance under the supervision of the Boards of Public Welfare of the three towns in the District. This arrangement which is about to go into its third year of operation has worked out very economically and satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY L. COLE
FRANKKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

In the year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1952, 31 permits were issued as follows: 18 new houses, 5 alterations, 4 garages, 2 camps, 1 trailer and gravel banks and stands for sale of products under the Board of Appeals.

Total payments received for permits—$74.50.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,

Building Inspector

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

All money collected by me for dog licenses has been turned over to the Town Clerk.

At this time there are very few licenses still uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,

Dog Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED	
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves
January	63	208	10	0	4
February	56	214	6	0	4
March	35	298	0	1	8
April	46	258	3	0	8
May	56	177	5	0	0
June	40	154	7	0	1
July	50	278	10	0	0
August	78	204	11	0	0
September	46	225	6	0	0

October	52	245	20	0	1
November	45	218	13	0	3
December	53	233	17	2	6
Total	620	2,712	108	3	35

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. FOSTER
ALBERT R. FROST
Inspectors of Slaughtering

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen
Boxford, Mass.
Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals in the Town of Boxford for the year ending Dec. 31, 1952, I submit the following report:

The yearly inspection of all barns where live stock are kept has been done according to direction of the Massachusetts Division of Live Stock Disease Control.

Total number of premises	21
Total number of cattle	209
Total number of swine	11
Total number of sheep	2
Total number of horses	9

The total number of cattle shipped into town from out of state was 27 and ear-tag numbers checked and reported on same.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM J. GREENLER, D.V.M.
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

For the year 1952, I submit the following report:
Permits 60
Inspections 85
Expenses:
Telephone $9.00

Office Expense	15.00
Salary	162.00
Total	186.00

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT W. SPERRY,
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford
Gentlemen:

During the year I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Platform scales	4
Beam scales	1
Computng scales	2
Spring scales	13
Gasoline meters	6
Kerosene pumps	1
Liquid measures	4
Grease measuring pumps	3

Respectfully submitted,
CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

During the past year much was accomplished in Civil Defense.

A receiver was purchased for the State Police frequency and at the present time is operating at the Director's home. This receiver is also equipped for mobile use.

The 1935 Ford Pick-up truck that was purchased is equipped with a 150 gallon tank and pump which was borrowed from the Moth Department. This unit will be operated in conjunction with the Fire Department.

Numerous meetings were attended and surveys were made for the State Civil Defense Agency.

The Civil Defense Agency expresses its appreciation to the citizens and the officials of the town for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. RUSSELL

Civil Defense Director

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

	North Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance Carried over from 1951	$87.81	$—.94	$86.87
Appropriated in 1952, Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946, Raised by the Assessors in 1952 Tax Levy	700.00	100.00	800.00
Totals	$787.81	$99.06	$886.87
Expended to December 31, 1952 (A)	672.99	94.48	767.47
Balance, December 31, 1952	$114.82	$ 4.58	$119.40

(A) Basis of Approtionment, Chapter 599, Acts of 1945, an Act establishing the basis of apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00—Percent	.8769
Boxford	1,317,222.00—Percent	.1231

District Department of Veterans Service

JAMES J. MAKER

District Treasurer

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$720.00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. (Services)	38.97
Veteran's Information Service, Frank Ostlin, Director, Moline, Illinois, (Veterans Laws)	6.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr. (District Treasurer's Bond)	2.50
Total	$767.47

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

Agent

REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following cases were assisted in 1952:

Discharge (copy)	12
Discharge (recorded)	2
Notarization	15
Taxes	18
Power of Attorney	6
Veterans' Administration Compensation	10
Pension	12
Social Security	2
Income Report	9
Education, Training	2
Hospitalization	8
Insurance	2
Insurance (dividend)	10
Medical-dental	4

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

District Director

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS

of the

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 14, 1950
TO DECEMBER 27, 1951
Made in Accordance with the Provisions of
Chapter 44, General Laws

April 1, 1952

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston, Mass.

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Harry L. Cole, Chairman

Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from February 14, 1950 to December 27, 1951, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Francis X. Lang

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from February 14, 1950, the date of the previous audit, to December 27, 1951, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the records of departmental payments to the treasurer, while the recorded disbursements were checked with the treasury warrants and with the records of payments by the treasurer.

The appropriations and transfers, as listed from the town clerk's record of town meeting votes, were checked to the appropriation accounts in the accountant's ledger.

An analysis was made of the ledger accounts, the necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance was drawn off proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 27, 1951.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were verified, and the recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid to the treasurer. The disbursements by the treasurer were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the accountant's books.

The treasurer's cash balance on December 27, 1951 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of cash in the office.

The transactions of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees of the Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund were verified, the securities and savings bank books representing the investment of these funds being personally examined and listed, and the income and transfers to the town being proved.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined. The additions to the tax title account were checked with the tax collector's records, and the tax title deeds were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger and with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The deductions from employees' salaries for federal taxes were listed and reconciled with the amounts due and paid to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and compared with the assesors' warrants for their collection.

The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements as entered were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were reconciled with the records of tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's ledger.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The records of licenses granted were

compared with the records of licenses issued. The recorded payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, of receipts by the sealer of weights and measures, the building inspector, the board of appeal, and the school department, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and accountant's books.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

Town of Boxford—BALANCE SHEET—December 27, 1951

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
Cash:			Federal Withholding Taxes,		$258.95
In Banks and Office,		$77,258.99	Dog Licenses—Due County,		13.20
Accounts Receivable:			Road Machinery Fund,		1,267.45
Taxes:			School Lunch Program,		39.04
Levy of 1948:			Trust Fund Income:		
Real Estate,	$2.52		Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund,		1,402.13
Levy of 1949:			Overestimates—1951:		
Poll,	4.00		State Parks and Reservations Assessment,	$18.68	
Personal Property	53.13		County Tax,	163.05	
Real Estate,	1,048.59		County Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment,	49.07	
Levy of 1950:					230.80
Poll,	12.00		Federal Grants:		
Personal Property	426.30		Aid to Dependent Children:		
Real Estate,	2,470.42		Aid,	$711.14	
Levy of 1951:			Administration,	77.96	
Poll,	56.00		Old Age Assistance:		
Personal Property	1,293.33		Assistance,	7,697.51	
Real Estate,	7,192.92		Administration,	726.25	
		$12,559.21			9,212.86
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			Unexpended Appropriation Balances		19,178.07
Levy of 1949,	$2.41		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		4,640.34
Levy of 1950,	112.75		Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1951,	1,031.65				
		$1,146.81			

Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land Taxes:		
Levy of 1950,	$3.78	
Levy of 1951,	33.76	
		$37.54
Tax Titles,		$53.61
Departmental:		
Town Hall Rentals,	$44.00	
Aid to Dependent Children,	169.07	
		$213.07
Aid to Highways:		
State,	$14,737.48	
County,	1,500.00	
		$16,237.48
		$107,506.71

Levy of 1948,	$2.02	
Levy of 1949,	1,075.50	
Levy of 1950,	1,603.02	
Levy of 1951,	859.31	
		3,539.85
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$1,146.81	
Special Assessment,	37.54	
Tax Title,	53.61	
Departmental,	213.07	
State and County Aid to Highways,	16,237.48	
		17,688.51
Surplus Revenue:		
Prior Years,	$39,377.66	
Current Year,	10,657.85	
		50,035.51
		$107,506.71

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Town Farm Fund,	$29,700.15
Cash and Securities:		East Parish Library Fund,	3,500.00
In Custody of Town Treasurer,	$52,780.75	East Parish Library Cote Fund,	1,217.22
In Custody of Trustees,	28,773.11	West Parish Library Fund,	3,000.00
		Town School Fund,	4,000.00
		Sarah P. Perley Fund,	2,081.20
		Curtis and Killam Cemetery Fund,	253.75
		Boxford Visiting Nurse Association Fund,	865.35
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	8,163.08
		Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund	28,773.11
	$81,553.86		$81,553.86

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEHBER 31, 1952

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Archibald L. Trull, Chairman	Term expires 1953
Rosamond Price	Term expires 1954
James Pierce, Secretary	Term expires 1955

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

William D. Johnson, Ed. M.
Jackson Way, Georgetown
Telephone Georgetown 3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN
Fred J. Nahil, M.D.
Georgetown, Mass.

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Ruth Barnard, R.N.
Topsfield

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Archie French
Boxford
Clayton Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grade or Subjects*
Dorothy Eade Carver	Morse	1-2
Gladys E. MacPherson	Aaron Wood	6-7
Lelia Millay	Community House	1-2
Bernice Billewicz	Gardner Morse	3-4
Ruth Morin	Aaron Wood	5
Monte Nelson		Music Supervisor
Esther Osman		Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

During the year ending December 31, 1952 the School Committee again spent much of its time working as a part of the School House Committee toward a solution of the school housing problem. On October 28, 1952 at a special town meeting the School House Committee made a complete report on its findings and proposed several possible methods for taking care of the growing school enrollment. At this meeting the Town voted to construct at the site of the Aaron Wood School four classrooms and a general purpose room, and authorized the School House Committee to secure preliminary plans and cost estimates of such construction to be presented at a subsequent town meeting.

By means of combining grades it has been possible to house our seven grades in the four permanent classrooms of the two schools and the temporary Community House classroom. With the addition of the eighth grade in September 1953, however, five rooms will not be sufficient to house all our pupils. The construction of additional rooms to house eight grades and to provide for the increasing school enrollment expected in the next few years is, therefore, urgent.

In accordance with our policy of the past few years to keep pace with other towns in this area, we granted our teachers salary increases during the year.

It is to be noted that all of the regular teachers enrolled voluntarily during the Fall in an Art course conducted by our Art Supervisor, Mrs. Osman. With this course and other extension courses they have completed in the past few years they are keeping up with modern educational practices.

The proposed budget for 1953 results in an estimated increase of approximately $1700 in net local cost. This is to be expected with the increasing enrollment and further increases will be necessary as enrollment grows in coming years. If school construction takes place in 1953, two new teachers will be needed in September. Their salaries will be offset, however, by a decrease in the tuitioning cost paid to Andover.

No major maintenance or repair work was required in 1952. Minor repairs and routine painting were done as necessary, and school property is considered to be in good condition.

We regret to report the death during the Summer of our School Physician, Dr. Leroy T. Stokes. Commencing in September, Dr. Fred J. Nahil of Georgetown was appointed to fill this vacancy.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the good work and fine co-operation of our Superintendent of School, teachers and supervisors, physician, nurse, school custodians, bus drivers and Town officials who have given us active support and advice in carrying out the school program.

We suggest that you give special attention to the following reports dealing with specific aspects of the educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD L. TRULL, Chairman

ROSAMOND PRICE

JAMES B. PIERCE, Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

My annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1952 is herewith submitted.

Examination of the enrollment figures for October 1, 1952 shows an increase over the previous year of 24 pupils, of which thirteen were seventh graders who could no longer be tuitioned to Andover. The increase in enrollment of the lower six grades was ten percent for the one year period ending on that date.

Since the Town of Andover will not accept eighth grade pupils from Boxford in September 1953 we will be faced with the necessity of educating these boys and girls in the schools of Boxford next Fall. Provision for new construction to take care of our increasing enrollment is essential this year. It is imperative that the action taken by the Town in causing plans

to be made for a building addition be followed by action in the nature of construction.

Boxford was fortunate during 1952 in having no vacancies in its teaching staff. The shortage of elementary teachers continues and salaries continue to increase at the present time. Beginning salaries for inexperienced teachers from many Massachusetts communities have risen to $2700 which was the maximum paid in Boxford a year ago. Teacher's salaries in Boxford must continue to follow the general upward trend if we are to retain competent teachers.

Educational progress of Boxford pupils shows the results of competent teaching. Continued progress on a high level requires additional space to insure an organization of classes whereby the pupils may profit most from effective teaching.

Art and Music have continued under the supervision of Mrs. Osman and Mr. Nelson. The Nature Study Course furthered through regular visits by a representative of the Audubon Society continues to contribute to the education of our children.

Our two school buildings have been maintained in excellent condition. They are well cared for by the custodians. Textbooks are in good condition and supplies are adequate.

In closing, I express my appreciation to all those who have cooperated during the past year in furthering the education of the boys and girls of Boxford. The encouragement given at home and the cooperation of the home with the school are valuable aids to progress.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supevisor of Music for the year ending 1952.

The music program in the Boxford Schools for 1952 was directed towards a deeper understanding and appreciation of music. Our regular classroom vocal training program includes frequent individual attention in the early grades to students having difficulties in carrying a tune. Note reading is still carried on and is excellent material for the development of concentration.

An excellent performance of the operetta "The Mikado" by Gilbert and Sullivan was given by Mrs. MacPherson's class at the Town Hall.

May I express my sincere appreciation to the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, the Supervisor of Art, school personnel and all parents for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MONTE NELSON

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee of the Town of Boxford.

I hereby submit my report as supervisor of art for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The art program for 1952 followed along in the usual pattern. Posters, illustrations, decorations and papercraft created by the children correlated with sports, reading, history, science, geography, music, social activities, seasons and holidays. During the Christmas season many papercraft window paintings and Christmas scenes were displayed in all the schools.

On December 1, 2 and 3 an Art Workshop sponsored by the Binney and Smith Company was held in Georgetown for the teachers. Fifteen hours of continuous workshop creating through pictures and craft projects using various mediums

gave the teachers new ideas and a better understanding of the materials the children use and pictures they produce. Fifty seven teachers attended the workshop and all of the Boxford teachers completed the course and received certificates.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER L. OSMAN

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I herewith submit my report as School Physician for the year ending 1952.

The new regulations governing the physical examination of school children call for more thorough examinations than heretofore. Examinations the first year and at no greater than four year intervals are required but such examinations may be made by the family physician with the resultant information provided to the school on forms for that purpose.

The children of the first, fourth and seventh grades were given their complete physical examinations according to the new and more comprehensive statutes recently enacted.

As a whole, the health status of the group was found to be above average. The few deviations from normal were reported to the respective parents for further follow up by their family physicians.

In closing, I express my appreciation to the Parents, Teachers, School Committee and Superintendent for their cooperation during the brief period during which I have been your school physician.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED J. NAHIL, M.D.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as School Nurse for the year ending December 1952.

For the school year, 1952-1953 a new system of physical examination was introduced. Due to the passing of a new state law each child is entitled to a complete twenty minute examination. An invitation was given to each parent to attend the school while their child was being examined. This enabled the parent to confer with the school physician about the health problems pertaining to the individual child. Another alternative offered to the parents was the privilege of having their children examined by the family physician.

Because of the lengthy examinations, the only grades checked were the first, fourth and seventh. This staggered program will be followed every year.

The school examinations were given by the new school physician, Dr. Nahil of Georgetown.

The pupils of both schools were given Diphtheria-Tetanus toxoid during the spring of 1952. At the Gardner Morse School twelve pupils received booster shots. Twenty-two pupils received booster shots at the Aaron Wood School.

I wish to thank the parents and school personnel for their continued interest in school health.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BARNARD, R.N.

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Arlene Brisbois
Jeanne Garry
Charles Killam
Robert Woodburn

Juniors

Marjorie Killam — Diana Tagg

Calvin Titus

Sophomores

John Flanders — Meredythe Osgood

Eleanor Swanson

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Roland D. Melzard	Grade 1	Priscilla Owen	Grade 7
Judith Owen	Grade 5	Katherine Galloway	Grade 8
Judith Melzard	Grade 7	Susan Godfrey	Grade 8
Sandra Nolan	Grade 7	Scott Nolan	Grade 7
Patricia Piper	Grade 8		

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING PUNCHARD HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Marcia Cotton — Raymond LeBel
James Gemmell — Mary Lord
Gail Goddard — Peter Nelson
Daniel Greco — Carol Pratt
Donald Gould — Frederick Shaw

Juniors

Jane Dineen — Elaine Hopping
Eleanor Doucette — Pamela Kimball
Gloria Dupuis — Barbara Perkins
David Emery — Daniel Shaw

Sophomores

John Baer — Ann Nelson
Kathleen Dineen — Eugene Russell
Joan Houldsworth — Valerie Shaw
Anne Lord — Beverly Spofford

Eugene Vincent

Grade 9

Mary Alice Baer
Marjorie Gould
William J. Greenler
Sally Harris
George Hopping
Sara Paisley

Grade 8

Gloria Berube
James Butler
Judith Goddard
Kathleen Greenler
Herbert Whittemore
Robert Millay
Davida Morin
Brenda Spofford
Stuart Troop

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1952

Morse School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	5	4	5	9	—	—	23
Girls	4	5	8	9	—	—	26
	9	9	13	18	0	0	49

Aaron Wood and Community

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Boys	8	5	—	—	8	9	8	38
Girls	8	7	—	—	20	7	5	47
	16	12	0	0	28	16	13	85

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-15	16 or over	Totals
Boys	21	60	6	87
Girls	25	83	10	118
	46	143	16	205

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET—1953

Administration:		
Superintendent's Salary	$900.00	
Superintendent's Transportation	115.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	330.00	
		$1,345.00
Teachers' Salaries:		
Regular	$16,500.00	
Special	1,265.00	
Substitute	360.00	
		$18,125.00
Health:		
Physician	$275.00	
Nurse	350.00	
Supplies	40.00	
		$665.00
Tuition		$9,600.00
Transportation		8,850.00
Janitors		1,200.00
Attendance Supervisors		20.00
Books and Supplies		1,100.00
Fuel and Electricity		1,600.00
Telephones		150.00
Maintenance		800.00
Insurance		600.00
Total for Schools		$44,055.00
Vocational Education		300.00
Total		$44,355.00
Estimated 1953 State Reimbursements—Schools		$14,703.33
Estimated 1953 State Reimbursements—Vocational		10.00
Estimated Net Local Cost		$29,641.67

REIMBURSEMENTS ON 1952 ACCOUNTS

	Estimated 1953 Reimbursements	1952 Reimbursements
Chapter 643, Acts of 1948	$5,343.33	$5,083.34
Union Sup't. of Schools	560.00	560.00
All School Transportation	7,800.00	6,880.00
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	1,000.00	1,964.88
Vocational	10.00	2.40
	$14,713.33	$14,490.62

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The cry for economy stemming from the grass roots has at last been heard. Our newly elected officers, federal and state, apparently will heed the call. Let them look to the conservative fiscal policies of towns such as ours for example.

It is fair to state that by comparison, the year ending 1952 found our Town in a satisfactory financial condition.

The Finance Committee is an advisory office on matters of finance only. Our judgement must be guided by what is best for the Town as a whole. Recently, demands for expenditures for various types of fire protection have been heard, especially since the total loss by fire of the dwellings of two of our citizens. Admittedly, it is difficult to be objective under such stressing circumstances. However, it is our opinion that there is need for a definite plan for fire protection—especially in terms of capital outlays for essential equipment. We suggest that a suitable committee be appointed to investigate our needs accordingly.

By the time the Town Report is published, the school building issue will have been resolved. All departments have been active in this project in response to a clear and strong demand for adequate educational facilities. Every citizen should be grateful to the members of the School Building Committee all of whom have worked long, hard, and patiently.

DIMON LOCKWOOD

WALTER K. MORSS

THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR., Chairman

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Monday, the second day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $21,000.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair or construction done in anticipation of re-

imbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any notes or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 7. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 8. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use such free cash in the Treasury as they deem best for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a committee to study the fire protection needs for the town.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for the use towards the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To appropriate $327.52 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to continue the improvement of Main Street from the section completed in 1952 toward West Boxford, or take any action in the matter.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to install a street light at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Road and Main Street in West Boxford.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the improvement of Depot Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 16. To see if the town will amend the zoning by-law by adding to Section V, Subsection 1A:

Special permits may also be granted, after public hearing, for the adaptation of existing buildings or stuctures for occupancy by three families where the Board of Appeals finds, a/that such occupancy and use is not detrimental to the surrounding property or the public welfare, b/that the original intended use of such building or structure has become impractical or unprofitable and that the denial of such special permit would work a hardship upon the owner; and provided further that the plans for such adaptation of the building or structure shall be submitted to and approved by the Board of Appeals prior to the granting of the special permit.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to acquire by purchase a parcel of land from Mrs. Etta M. French adjoining land presently owned by the town, A. N. French, and Russell, consisting of approximately two acres and needed for new school facilities.

Article 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, on Tuesday, March 3rd next, for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Selectman for three years, Assessor of Taxes for three years, Assessor of Taxes for two years, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk for three years, Constable, East Parish, Constable, West Parish, Highway Surveyor, East Parish, Highway Surveyor, West Parish, one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the Board of Health for

three years, Tree Warden, one member of the Planning Board for five years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:30 A.M., AND MAY CLOSE AT 1:30 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Selectmen of Boxford

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1953

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,400.00
Treasurer	425.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,600.00
Accountant	1,600.00
Registrars	100.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	25.00
Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	100.00
Board of Health	1,500.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	1,600.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	800.00
Public Welfare	900.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00
Schools	44,055.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,000.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,800.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding	6,000.00
Street Lighting	650.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Town Halls	2,000.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2,200.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Clerical	300.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Interest on Loans	400.00
Town Reports	500.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Land Taking	30.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	50.00

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TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1953

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1954
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1955
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1956

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectmen

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1954
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1955
Harry E. Trask	Term expires 1956

TREASURER

Lucy K. Parkhurst	Term expires 1955

TOWN CLERK

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1956
Barbara C. Perley	Term expires 1956

MODERATOR

William J. Greenler, Jr.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Simeon S. Pearl

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rosamond Price	Term expires 1954
James B. Pierce, resigned	Term expires 1955
John Stuart Heywood	Appointed until 1954
Archibald L. Trull	Term expires 1956

BOARD OF HEALTH

Franklin C. Roberts	Term expires 1954
Raymond Perley	Term expires 1955
Harry L. Cole	Term expires 1956

TREE WARDEN

Alerson E. Noyes

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Clinton E. French — B. Robert Cunningham

CONSTABLES

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr. — Walter H. Gamans, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Nathaniel N. Love, Jr.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Alerson E. Noyes

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Chester A. Leighton

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

John W. Parkhurst — John T. Chadwick

Harry E. Trask

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Barbara C. Perley — Term expires 1955

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Archer N. French

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

William J. Greenler, D.V.M.

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

Charles H. Foster — Albert R. Frost

TRUANT AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Archer N. French — Clayton A. Nelson

DOG OFFICER

James P. Gray

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Robert B. Parkhurst	Term expires 1953
Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1954
Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1955

FOREST WARDEN

Archer N. French

FENCE VIEWERS

Selectmen

PLANNING BOARD

E. Laurence Colby	Term expires 1954
Albert G. Gale	Term expires 1955
J. Warren Chadwick	Term expires 1955
Simeon S. Pearl	Term expires 1956
Albert C. Waters, Jr.	Term expires 1956
Charles L. Cotton	Term expires 1957
Charles P. A. Nelson	Term expires 1958

TRUSTEE OF BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seth L. Kelsey

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Gordon A. Russell

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Henry W. Nason

WIRE INSPECTOR

Herbert W. Sperry

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter K. Morss	Term expires 1954
Thomas E. Cargill, Jr.	Term expires 1955
Dimon Lockwood	Term expires 1956

TOWN COUNSEL

William J. Greenler, Jr.

APPEAL BOARD

Winthrop P. Haynes	Term expires 1954
Alfred K. Nason	Term expires 1955
Ronald Houldsworth	Term expires 1956

APPEAL BOARD ALTERNATES

Philip F. Spofford	Term expires 1956
Paul L. Killam	Term expires 1954

SPECIAL POLICE

Clinton E. French	Franklin C. Roberts, Jr.
Chester Leighton	Charles Getchell
E. Preston Gould	Robert P. Parkhurst
Joseph A. O'Rourke	Archibald Peabody

RESERVE POLICE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Harold R. Johnson	Ernest M. Mortimer
Horace D. Moore	Francis S. Smith

SWORN WEIGHERS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

FIELD DRIVERS

BOXFORD DATA

The Town of Boxford was incorporated in 1685.

Population (1950 census), 925.

Area in square miles, 24.39.

Boxford is in the Fourth Essex Senatorial District and in the Ninth Essex Representative District.

The Senator is John Adams, 15 Stratford Road, Andover, Mass.

The Representative is Paul G. Zollo, 5 Florence Street, Danvers, Mass.

LIST OF JURORS—1953-1954

Auger, Arthur A., retired, Washington Street, West Boxford
Cargill, Thomas E., retired, Main Street, Boxford
Eaton, Forest G., clerk, Middleton Road, Boxford
Feronetti, James, Nurseryman, Ipswich Road, East Boxford
Gamans, Walter H., Jr., carpenter, Main Street, West Boxford
Morss, Walter K., fruit specialist, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
O'Rourke, Joseph A., retired, Main Street, Boxford
Pearl, Simeon S., orchardist, Lake Shore Road, West Boxford
Riggs, Hamilin, carpenter, Main Street, Boxford
Sperry, Herbert W., electrician, Main Street, West Boxford
Upton, Eben A., retired, off Lockwood Lane, Boxford
Whittier, John G., Poultryman, Glendale Road, West Boxford

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

A special town meeting of the inhabitants of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs was called in the Town Hall, Boxford on Friday, the twentieth day of February, 1953, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned to the First Congregational Church.

After a prayer by Rev. Charles Atkins, the warrant was read by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator. In consideration of Article I, J. Stuart Haywood, chairman of the School house building Committee, explained the preliminary plans as submitted by Ashton, Huntress, and Pratt, Architects and Engineers, for the construction of four classrooms and a general purpose room at the site of the Aaron Wood School. Mr. Pratt, of the above firm, was given permission by unanimous vote to answer questions by the voters of the town. The Planning Board approved the plans by a majority vote.

The following action was taken:

Article I: Voted unanimously that the town approve the preliminary plans as submitted by Ashton, Huntress, and Pratt for the construction of four classrooms and a general purpose room at the site of the Aaron Wood School and to proceed with construction in accordance with such plans.

Article II: Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of $146,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a school building according to plans and specifications drawn by the firm of Ashton, Huntress, and Pratt of Lawrence, on land owned by the town or to be acquired out of said sum, and for originally equipping and furnishing said building; said sum to be raised in the following manner:

(1) to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow the sum of $130,000 under the authority of Chapter 645 of Acts of 1948 and amendments thereto, and to issue notes of the town therefor,

said notes to be payable in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than 20 years from the date of issue of the first note, and to bear interest at a rate of not exceeding 2½% per annum; and
(2) the balance of $16,000 to be raised by transfer from one or more of the following accounts, viz:

(a) Post War Rehabilitation Fund with its accumulations
(b) Town Farm Fund with its accumulations
(c) Available Surplus Cash;—the amount to be transferred from each source to be determined by the Selectmen with the approval of the Finance Committee.

The vote under Article II was conducted by secret ballot with the use of check lists and the results were 147 yes, 32 no, and blank 1. The checkers and tellers were Helen F. Hoogerzeil, Baron P. Fryer, Franklin C. Roberts, Jr., Nathaniel N. Love, Jr., Clinton French, and Thomas E. Cargill, Jr., assisted by the Town Clerk and the Moderator.

Article III: Voted unanimously that the town convey to Archer N. and Estelle M. French a triangular parcel of land fronting on Middleton Rd. 28.92′ by 92.19′ by 84.11′ and to acquire from Archer N. and Estelle M. French in exchange therefor a triangular piece of land to the rear thereof adjoining the Aaron Wood School property 85.81′ by 79.44′ by 26.83′ as designated in survey drawn up by Dana F. Perkins & Sons dated Feb. 19, 1953 in order to straighten out the boundaries of the school property.

Article IV: Voted unanimously that the town acquire land from Mrs. Etta French abutting land now owned by Archer French, the boundary to be a straight line continuing from adjusted boundary of Archer French as in Article III to land of Russell, or whatever extra land is required to bring the boundary 25′ from the building as required by the Zoning Law.

As an amendment to the above it was first voted that the cost of the above acquisition be paid out of the appropriation made in Article 2.

Article V: Voted unanimously that the School House Committee be continued, that they be directed to supervise the construction of the school building, and be authorized to make any changes necessary of minor detail in the preliminary plans provided the same do not increase the overall cost of construction.

Article VI: Voted that the following resolution be incorporated in the town records, and a copy sent to Dr. and Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes by the Town Clerk:

Whereas, Dr. and Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes of Boxford have kindly and generously given to the Town of Boxford for school ground purposes their plot of land located on Middleton Road and Main St., Boxford

Be it resolved: that the citizens of Boxford in Town Meeting assembled on February 20th, 1953 do hereby express their gratitude and thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Winthrop Haynes for their gift.

And be it further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Town Clerk to Dr. and Mrs. Winthrop P. Haynes, and a copy of the same be spread upon the Records of the Town of Boxford.

Voted that an expression of sympathy be sent to Mr. Daniel B. H. Power, aged 99, and Mrs. Power in connection with his illness.

Voted to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

A true record.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

The annual town meeting of the Town of Boxford was held in Lincoln Hall on March 2, 1953. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator, and a moment of silent prayer was observed. The following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted to approve the reports of the Town officers and Committees as printed in the Town Report.

Article 2. Voted to adopt budget as amended.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate $2000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue the sum of $21,000 to meet the State and County Allotments for highways, and any other highway relocations, repair, or construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 7. Voted to pass over this article.

Article 8. Voted to pay town labor $1.25 per hour for the ensuing year, with the exceptions of the heads of departments to receive $1.50 per hour.

Article 9. Voted to authorize the Assessors to use such free cash in the Treasury as they deem best for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 10. Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a committee to study the fire protection needs of the town.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for the use towards the maintenance of the same.

Article 12: Voted to appropriate $327.52 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses, said sum to be divided equally between the libraries at the two ends of town.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to continue the improvement of Main St. from the section completed in 1952 toward West Boxford.

Article 14. Voted to install a street light at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Road and Main St. in West Boxford.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the improvement of Depot Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90.

Article 16. Voted **unanimously** to amend the zoning by-law by adding to Section V, Subsection 1A:

> Special permits may also be granted, after public hearing, for the adaptation of existing buildings or structures for occupancy by three families where the
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> Board of Appeals finds, a) that such occupancy and use is not detrimental to the surrounding property or the public welfare, b) that the original intended use

of such building or structure has become impractical or unprofitable and that the denial of such special permit would work a hardship upon the owner; and provided further that the plans for such adaptation of the building or structure shall be submitted to and approved by the Board of Appeals prior to the granting of the special permit.

Article 17. Voted to pass over.

Article 18. Voted to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

A true record.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 1953

Selectmen	$1,050.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,400.00
Treasurer	425.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,600.00
Accountant	1,600.00
Registrars	100.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	25.00
Finance Committee	350.00
Elections	100.00
Board of Health	1,500.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	1,600.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00

Tree Warden	600.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	1,300.00
Dutch Elm Control	800.00
Public Welfare	900.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00
Veterans Benefits	1,000.00
Schools	44,055.00
Vocational Education	300.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	1,000.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,800.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	7,000.00
Street Lighting	650.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Town Halls	2,000.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2,200.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	225.00
Clerical	300.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Interest on Loans	400.00
Town Reports	500.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Civil Defense	600.00
Land Taking	30.00
Boxford Village Cemetery	50.00
	$93,255.00

OTHER ITEMS:

Article 11	$ 400.00	
Article 13	1,000.00	
Article 15	2,000.00	
		$ 3,400.00
Total to be Raised and Appropriated		$ 96,655.00

TRANSFERS:

Article 3	$ 500.00	
Article 4	2,000.00	
Article 5	21,000.00	
Article 12	327.52	
		$ 23,227.52

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 11, 1953

A special town meeting of the inhabitants of Boxford duly qualified to vote in elections and town affairs was called in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford at 8:00 p.m. on March 11, 1953. After a moment of silent prayer, Moderator William J. Greenler, Jr., read the warrant, The following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted unanimously that the vote under Article 2 of the special Town Meeting of Feb. 20, 1953 be amended by striking out clause numbered (2) thereof, relating to the transfer of $16,000, and substituting therefor the following: (2) that the balance of $16,000.00 be transferred and appropriated from available free cash.

A motion to amend the original motion by taking $7,500.00 from Town Farm Fund instead of Post War Rehabilitation Fund and $8,500.00 from available free cash was defeated, and the final vote was a second amendment to the original motion. The original motion called for $7,500

from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund and the other $8,500 from available free cash.

Article 2. The following resolution was unanimously voted:

Resolved that it be declared to be the sense of this meeting that under the vote taken under Article 10 of the annual Town Meeting of March 2, 1953, that the selectmen appoint a committee to determine the equipment necessary and its cost, to provide West Boxford with equal fire protection services to that of East Boxford and Boxford Village; and thereby reduce the fire insurance rates of West Boxford to that of East Boxford and Boxford Village by the most practical and economical means, and further that said committee report its findings to the people not later than May 31, 1953 for further action, and further,

That said committee be composed of five members: two members from the fire department, one from each end of town; the other three members to be citizens at large, two of whom shall reside in West Boxford.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A true record.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 11, 1953

A special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and town affairs was held in Lincoln Hall, West Boxford, at 8:00 p.m. on Dec. 11, 1953. The meeting was called to order by William J. Greenler, Jr., the moderator. After a prayer by the Rev. William O. Hoover of the 2nd Congregational Church, the following action was taken:

Article 1. Voted to appropriate from Surplus Revenue

the sum of $1700.00 to meet the state allotment for highways, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 2. Voted to make the following transfers to the School appropriations, viz: $1,000.00 from Board of Health. $500.00 from Disability Assistance, $75.00 from Vocational Education, and $25.00 from Public Grounds.

Article 3. Voted to transfer $200.00 from Interest on Loans to Public Welfare.

Article 4. Voted to amend the following by-law adopted at the Town Meeting of March 5, 1928 and approved by the Attorney General July 9, 1928: "Whoever being the owner or keeper of a hound dog shall permit it to run without chain or leash at any time between one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise on property not owned or occupied by said owner or keeper shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars." by adding the following:

> "The Selectmen are herewith authorized to issue licenses to use dogs at any time of day or night, in trailing and securing any animal which has been molesting crops, poultry, or livestock."

A hand vote showed 69 yes, 2 no.

Article 5. The following amendments to the zoning by-law were adopted as follows: Voted 55 yes, 0 no, to add to "E" in section " the following sentence: " 'Street Line' shall mean the boundary of the right of way, laid out as a public way, or as a private way open to public use, as the case may be."

Voted 53 yes, none opposed, to add to "F" in section II the following: "The description of a lot set forth in an application shall not be changed in any future application unless such future application conforms to this by-law, and no new description including part of an old lot shall be permitted unless the remaining part of the old lot shall

conform to the yard and area regulations of this by-law."

Voted unanimously to amend section VIII by adding a new subsection 10A as follows: "Trailers and other movable structures shall not be occupied as dwellings; except that for reasons of necessity or hardship, the Board of Appeals, after public notice and a hearing, may grant temporary occupancy permits for such structures for dwelling purposes for not more than one year at a time in any part of town."

Voted 56 yes, 2 no, to amend section IX by striking out subsection 2A and substituting as follows: "In case of damage as set forth in the foregoing article, a building may be repaired or a building of the same type or of a type not deemed more detrimental to the surrounding property or the general welfare may be rebuilt on the same location upon the special permit of the Board of Appeals."

Voted 56 yes, none opposed, to amend section IX by adding a new subsection 3C as follows: "After public hearing the Board of Appeals may permit any building not conforming to the yard and area regulations of Section XI to be replaced on the same location with another building if it finds that such other building is not more detrimental to the surrounding property or the general welfare and that considerations of lot size, location of cellar holes, or other considerations of practical economy make such replacement desirable."

Voted 58 yes, 2 no, to amend Section XI, subsection 1, by striking out "thirty feet" in each instance and substituting "fifty feet" so as to read: "1. Front yards. No building shall be built or placed within fifty (50) feet of the street line, except that no building need be set back more than the average set back of the buildings on the lots on either side, a vacant lot or lot occupied by a building set back more than fifty feet being counted as though occupied by a building set back fifty feet; except an accessory building or private garage may be built closer than fifty feet from the

street line under special permit of the Board of Appeals when they deem it not detrimental to the surrounding property, nor injurious to public welfare."

Voted to pass over the proposed changes in "rear yards" and "side yards" in sub-section 2 and 3 of Section XI.

Voted 54 yes, 4 no, to amend sub-section 4 of Section XI by striking out "one half acre" and substituting "one acre" and striking out "150 feet frontage" and substituting "200 feet frontage" so as to read: "Land laid out after the adoption of these by-laws shall provide for each dwelling of the following minimum lot areas and dimensions: For a one family dwelling, not under one acre and at least two hundred feet frontage, said house not to occupy more than twenty percent (20%) of the area."

Voted 53 yes, none opposed, to amend Section XI by adding a new sub-section 7 as follows: "7. Street Width. No streets hereafter laid out for public use, in accordance with the Sub-division Control Law, shall be less than fifty feet in width. No permit shall hereafter be granted for the erection of a building on a lot not fronting on a street unless a right of way shall be laid out at least fifty feet in width and plans therefor filed with the Planning Board, and such a right of way shall thereafter be considered as a street for the purposes of this by-law."

Voted unanimously to amend Section XI by adding a new subsection as follows: "8. Any street laid out so as not to connect two existing streets shall provide a loop for adequate turning space for town vehicles."

Voted unanimously to change heading of last paragraph in Section XII from "K" to "11".

Voted unanimously to add a new subsection 12 to Section XII to read as follows: "12. Wherever proceedings under this by-law require the giving of notice by publication in a newspaper, mailing, or service by a civil officer, the costs

thereof shall be borne by the applicant; and the Board of Appeals shall require the estimated costs to be advanced by him".

Voted unanimously that the above amendments shall not apply to land included in a plan of a subdivision approved by the Planning Board prior to the adoption of these amendments.

The votes in this article were taken by hand where figures are given, and were taken by voice when designated unanimous. The meeting followed the recommendations of the Planning Board in each case except Section XII, subsection 12, where "shall" was substituted for "may".

Article 6. Voted unanimously that the present Zoning Board of Appeals be constituted as the Appeal Board under the Subdivision Control Law, so called, as amended by Acts of 1953, Chapter 674.

Voted unanimously "that the Planning Board as now constituted, consisting of seven members holding office for terms of five years as heretofore elected, shall be and continue to act as a Planning Board under the 'Subdivision Control Law' as amended by Chapter 674 of the Acts of 1953; and that all actions and votes of the Planning Board heretofore be ratified and confirmed in so far as it is within the power of this meeting to do so."

Article 7. Voted unanimously to allow Mr. Earl Smith, an attorney from Marblehead, to address the meeting. Mr. Smith and five associates have purchased the Hooper Farm on Bald Hill with the intention of leasing the property to a club whose activities would include a skating rink, tennis courts, and possibly riding stables, and a ski slope. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Smith stated that the group would ask the Board of Appeals for a special permit to conduct the club unless the feeling in the town was definitely hostile. After an outline of the project, he answered numerous questions from the floor.

Voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

A true record.

E. LAURENCE COLBY,

Town Clerk

RECORD OF BIRTHS—1953

Date	*Name*	*Parents' Name*
1952		
Apr. 16	Sally Ann Cargill	William R. Cargill Mary L. Waters
May 11	Bruce Reginald Elliott	Samuel V. Elliott Evella M. Carroll
May 23	Dana Sanders Waters	David S. Waters Dorothy E. Chase
July 16	James Albert Parkhurst	Robert P. Parkhurst Arlene M. Parkinson
Nov. 21	Peter Balfour Laustsen	Alfred Laustsen Margaret Billington
Dec. 13	Jonathan Palmer	Stephen Palmer Velma Spencer
Dec. 16	Deborah Ann Little	Ernest W. Little Kathleen L. Matchett
Dec 28	Andrea Dodge	Julian L. Dodge Katherine J. McCarthy
1953		
Jan. 21	William Michael Pratt	Elwood Seth Pratt Evelyn A. Craven
Jan. 25	Benjamin Sayre Cross	Jerome W. Cross Margaret Bain
Feb. 3	Wendy Elizabeth Haywood	John Stuart Haywood Ruth F. Cassino
Feb. 12	Joseph Francis Heaney	Donald F. Heaney Therese J. Hegarty

Date	*Name*	*Parents' Name*
Mar. 11	Laurie Alicia Frizzell	Laurence D. Frizzell Frances Wilson
Mar. 26	Francis Alan Hebb	Robert E. Hebb Shirley M. Eastman
Apr. 20	Michael Savage Abbott	William C. Abbott, Jr. Jean Savage
May 10	James Cornelius Greenler	William J. Greenler Ruby A. O'Neill
May 14	Linda Jane Saunders	Donald R. Saunders Jeanne A. Garry
May 24	Walter Stephen Hale, 3rd	Walter S. Hale, Jr. Dorothy E. Hale
June 20	Caroline Stevens Donnan	David H. Donnan Amelia Rogers
July 3	Elizabeth Hunter Nason	Henry W. Nason Ruth Covell
July 4	Jeffrey Neil Hagen	George E. Hagen Edna M. Scranton
Aug. 16	Karen Ann Callahan	Charles H. Callahan Lila M. Campbell
Sept. 10	Mark Frederick Lambert	Horace D. Lambert Nancy Dodge
Sept. 23	Debra Lynn Cunningham	Charles R. Cunningham Harriett R. Andrews
Oct. 20	Jeffrey Kim MacGill	Kenneth J. MacGill Shirley Snyder
Nov. 24	Debra Chase Waters	David S. Waters Dorothy C. Chase
Dec. 21	Elaine Hamilton	Roger A. Hamilton Martha Mortimer

MARRIAGES DURING 1953

Date	*Names*	*Residence*
1952		
Dec. 27	Harlan Page Kelsey III	Boxford
	Susan Rand Abbott	Topsfield

Date 1953	*Name*	*Parents' Name*
Mar. 1	Jean E. Gauthier	Boxford
	Margaret A. Steen	Wenham
July 11	William Raymond Walsh, Jr.	Boxford
	Mary Catherine McKee	Andover
July 19	Herbert Royce Kelley	Boxford
	Patricia Evelyn Eldridge	Georgetown
Sept. 5	George Arthur Gould, Jr.	Boxford
	Ione Mabelle McGray	Saugus
Sept. 16	Richard Francis McManus	Boxford
	Judith Briggs	Marblehead
Nov. 7	John Richard Mannheim	Amherst
	Elizabeth Anne Cotton	Boxford

DEATHS DURING 1953

Date 1953	*Name*	*Age* Yr.	M.	D.
Jan. 26	Philip L. Wheeler	65	7	18
June 5	Daniel B. Furbush	90	11	15
Sept. 26	Daniel B. H. Power	100	2	26
Sept. 28	Clarence Barker Reynolds	73	1	8
Sept. 28	Albert M. Smith	81	7	0

DOG LICENSES ISSUED FOR 1953

99 Males @ $2.00	$198.00
33 Speyed Females @ $2.00	66.00
17 Females @ $5.00	85.00
2 Kennels @ $25.00	50.00
4 Kennels @ $10.00	40.00
2 Military (Free)	
	$439.00
Fees @ $.20	$ 31.00
Paid Town Treasurer	$408.00

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES FOR 1953

32	Fishing Licenses @ $3.25	$104.00
37	Hunting Licenses @ $3.25	120.25
9	Sporting Licenses @ $5.25	47.25
2	Minor Fishing Licenses @ $1.25	2.50
8	Female Fishing Licenses @ $2.25	18.00
2	Special Non-Resident Fishing Licenses @ $2.75	5.50
1	Non-Resident Fishing License @ $7.75	7.75
1	Non-Resident Military License @ $2.00	2.00
4	Resident Citizen Sporting License (Free)	
2	Resident Military Sporting License (Free)	
		$307.25
92	Fee @ $0.25	$ 23.00
	Paid Fisheries and Game	$284.25

Respectfully submitted,

E. LAURENCE COLBY,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The money to pay the operating costs of the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal property and polls.

2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal Government and other cities and towns.

3. Receipts of departments and available funds.

4. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous minor sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year was $141,332.52

Other expenses for the year were:	
Veterans' Service	100.00
State Parks and Reservations	113.54
State Audit	389.29
County Tax	3,883.82
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	3,595.84
Contributory Retirement Assessment	1,531.85
Overlay for 1953	4,297.56
	$155,244.42
The expected revenue from all sources was estimated at	71,535.70
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as	83,708.72
The Poll Tax—337—yielded	674.00

In order to collect the balance of $83,034.72, called the "Tax Levy," from the property owners in proportion to their respective holdings, each piece of taxable property was assigned a value for assessment purposes. Those assessments were as follows:

Personal Estate	$ 238,680.00
Real Estate—building and land	1,491,210.00
Giving a total valuation of	$1,729,890.00

This total assessed value divided into the Tax Levy gave a tax rate of $48.00, which made a tax on personal property of $11,456.64 and on real estate $71,578.08.

The Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax on 715 vehicles valued at $358,610.00 at the state-wide rate of $50.42 yielded $14,305.66.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY E. TRASK
J. WARREN CHADWICK
HARRY L. COLE
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS FOR 1953

Simeon S. Pearl, Collector:		
Taxes, current year:		
Real Estate	$62,665.48	
Personal Property	10,154.36	
Poll	582.00	
Classified Forest Land	144.96	
		$ 73,546.80
Taxes, previous years:		
Real Estate	$ 7,379.90	
Personal Property	1,443.47	
Poll	24.00	
Classified Forest Land	32.86	
		8,880.23
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1949	$ 2.41	
Levy of 1950	55.20	
Levy of 1951	4.00	
Levy of 1952	5,405.98	
Levy of 1953	10,619.28	
		16,086.87
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 81 Maintenance	$ 6,958.46	
Chap. 90 Construction	9,448.55	
		16,407.01
For Education:		
High School Transportation	$ 7,855.00	
Chap. 70, School Aid	7,380.53	
Tuition, State Children	852.54	
		16,088.07

For Taxes, etc.:		
Income Tax	$ 1,723.70	
Corporation Taxes	4,463.80	
Loss of Taxes	1,245.37	
Meal Tax, O. A. A.	257.69	
Snow Removal	16.00	
Animal Inspection	25.00	
Board of Health	87.14	
School Lunch Program	147.14	
		7,965.84
For Aid and Relief:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 6,039.84	
Old Age Assist., U. S. Grant	5,715.23	
Aid to Dependent Children	485.66	
Aid to Dep. Child., U. S. Grant	756.00	
Disability Assistance	37.87	
Disability Assist., U. S. Grant	321.63	
Veterans' Benefits	352.50	
		13,708.73
County of Essex:		
For Highways:		
Chap. 90 Construction		2,974.27
Dog License refund		327.52
Court Fines		50.00
Trust and Investment Funds:		
J. T. Barker School Fund	$ 650.00	
Interest on School Funds	120.00	
Interest on Library Funds:		
East Parish	95.64	
West Parish	83.05	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Ass'n.	6.00	
		954.69
Departmental Accounts:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 322.95	
Highway	70.63	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	21.45	
		415.03

Licenses and Permits:

Dogs	$ 421.55	
Slaughter	635.00	
Building	23.00	
Junk	17.00	
Revolver	11.50	
Ice Cream	10.00	
Milk	4.00	
Oleo	.50	
Peddler	6.00	
Auctioneers	2.00	
Recreational Camp	6.00	
Lord's Day	1.00	
		1,137.55

Unclassified:

Lease of Land	$ 30.00	
Interest on Taxes	342.33	
School Lunch Program	683.02	
Withholding Tax Deductions	3,968.05	
Rent of Town Halls	180.00	
Rent of Morse House	155.00	
Sale of Safe	25.00	
Waste paper	1.43	
Departmental refunds	70.27	
Use of telephones	38.30	
Road Machinery Rental	42.13	
Sale of Pipe	22.88	
Damage Claim	25.00	
		5.583.41
School Loan		130,000.00
Premium on Loan		461.07
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$294,587.09

EXPENDITURES FOR 1953

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen	$ 990.34	
Board of Public Welfare	275.00	
Assessors	1,281.14	
Treasurer	410.26	
Town Clerk	370.25	
Accountant	1,471.96	
Tax Collector	1,391.27	
Registrars	63.75	
Elections	75.00	
Town Counsel	500.00	
Appeal Board	94.50	
Building Inspector	200.00	
Wire Inspector	207.65	
Finance Committee	310.00	
School House Committee	1,491.60	
Board of Health	238.58	
Inspector of Slaughtering	1,019.75	
Inspector of Animals	50.00	
Planning Board	30.15	
		$ 10,480.20

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer of Weights and Measures	$ 27.88	
Dog Officer	50.00	
Police	1,422.08	
Deputy Game Warden	50.00	
Forest Warden	1,614.70	
Fire Warden	1,284.35	
Tree Warden	619.90	
Moth Suppression	1,299.86	
Dutch Elm Disease Control	790.75	
		7,159.52

AID AND RELIEF

Central Essex Welfare Dist., Admin.	$ 194.00	
Public Welfare	673.37	
Disability Assistance	500.00	
Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant	344.06	
Old Age Assistance	5,994.91	
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	8,680.58	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00	
Aid to Dependent Child., U. S. Grant	999.38	
Veterans' Benefits	615.00	
		19,501.30

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department	$45,074.28	
J. T. Barker Fund	1,000.00	
Vocational Education	198.60	
School Lunch Program	749.34	
East Parish Library	459.40	
West Parish Library	446.81	
		47,928.43

HIGHWAYS

Chap. 81 Maintenance	$17,984.50	
Chap. 90 Endicott Road Bridge	777.34	
Chap. 90 Const., Depot Road (1952)	3,868.36	
Chap. 90 Const., Depot Road (1953)	7,991.00	
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,482.00	
Highways & Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	836.80	
Main Street	1,000.00	
Snow Removal and Sanding	6,709.98	
Road Machinery Maintenance	929.88	
Street Lighting	624.62	
		42,204.48

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls	$ 1,091.60	
Public Grounds	151.70	
Insurance	2,044.68	
Town Forest	100.00	
Memorial Day	229.66	
Soldiers' Graves	225.00	
Harmony Cemetery	50.00	
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00	
Boxford Village Cemetery	50.00	
Clerical	239.00	
Withholding Tax Deductions	3,361.75	
Town Reports	489.50	
Civil Defense	603.80	
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	120.37	
Essex Sanitorium	1,505.07	
Veterans' Service District	100.00	
State Parks & Reservations	150.36	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	303.03	
County Tax	3,791.27	
County Retirement System	1,531.85	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	553.39	
Dog Licenses to County	389.80	
Land Taking	30.00	
New School	74,306.26	
Premium on School Note	214.25	
Boxford Visiting Nurse	6.00	
Interest on Maturing Debt	1,625.00	
		93,313.34
TOTAL CASH PAYMENTS		$220,587.27

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1953

Assets

Cash: General	$169,052.30

Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes: Levy of 1951:		
Poll	$ 2.00	
Real Estate	1,281.56	
Personal Property	34.21	
		1,317.77
Levy of 1952:		
Poll	2.00	
Real Estate	2,613.76	
Personal Property	403.21	
		3,018.97
Levy of 1953:		
Poll	20.00	
Real Estate	7,620.92	
Personal Property	1,289.56	
		8,930.48
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1952	79.60	
Levy of 1953	1,104.72	
		1,184.32
Special Assessments:		
Classified Forest Land:		
Levy of 1952	7.20	
Levy of 1953	32.88	
		40.08
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	367.30	
Disability Assistance	.40	
Forest Warden	27.80	
		395.50
Tax Titles		60.59
State & County Aid to Highways:		13,655.93
Underestimates:		
State Parks & Reservations		48.61
		$197,704.55

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$130,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	$ 55,416.04

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1953

Liabilities

Reserve until collected:		
Tax Titles	$ 60.59	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,184.32	
Departmental Revenue	395.50	
Special Assessment Revenue	40.08	
State & County Aid to Highways Revenue	13,655.93	
		$ 15,336.42
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1951	$ 807.31	
Levy of 1952	2,719.45	
Levy of 1953	2,919.16	
		6,445.92
Overlay Surplus: Reserve		7,038.26
Excess and Deficiency		82,831.57
U. S. Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	7,427.36	
Old Age Assistance, Administration	672.71	
Aid to Dependent Children	687.01	
Aid to Dep. Child., Administration	89.01	
Disability Assistance	153.72	
		9,029.81
Appropriation Accounts:		
School House Committee	371.25	
Chap. 90 Const., Bare Hill Road	16.66	

Collector of Taxes	7.50	
Police	113.65	
Town Hall	908.40	
		1,417.46
J. T. Barker Fund		902.13
School Lunch Program		139.31
Road Machinery Fund		1,070.33
Overestimates:		
County Tax		92.55
Hospital Tax		816.53
Dog Licenses		37.40
Federal Withholding Deductions		606.30
Premium on School Loan		246.82
New School		71,693.74
DEBT ACCOUNTS		$197,704.55
New School Loan		$130,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Town Farm Fund	$31,586.33	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	8,627.86	
East Parish Library	3,500.00	
East Parish Library Cote Fund	1,324.37	
West Parish Library	3,000.00	
Town School Fund	4,000.00	
Sarah P. Perley Fund	2,176.51	
Curtis & Killam Burial Lot Fund	265.44	
Boxford Visiting Nurse Association	935.53	
		$ 55,416.04

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1953

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

Appropriation		$1,050.00
Salaries, Selectmen	$975.00	

Office supplies	5.34	
State & Co., Assoc., dues	19.00	
Total expenditures	$999.34	
Balance to revenue	50.66	
		$1,050.00

Board of Public Welfare

Appropriation		$300.00
Salaries, Board of Public Welfare	$275.00	
Total expenditures	$275.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
		$300.00

Board of Assessors

Appropriation		$1,400.00
Salaries, Assessors	$1,000.00	
Clerical	199.00	
Office supplies	45.22	
Abstracts	27.92	
State Assoc. dues	9.00	
Total expenditures	$1,281.14	
Balance to revenue	118.86	
		$1,400.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$425.00
Salary, Treasurer	$200.00	
Bond	60.50	
Office supplies	29.40	
Rent of safety deposit vault	4.80	
State Assoc. dues	2.00	
Checks	113.56	
Total expenditures	$410.26	
Balance to revenue	14.74	
		$425.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation		$400.00
Salary, Town Clerk	$226.25	
Bond	5.00	
Printing	32.30	
Office expense	101.70	
State Assoc. dues	5.00	
Total expenditures	$370.25	
Balance to Revenue	29.75	
		$400.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Salary, Tax Collector	$1,200.00	
Bonds	119.00	
Office expense	150.96	
State Assoc. dues	2.00	
Total expenditures	$1,471.96	
Balance to revenue	120.54	
		$1,600.00

Accountant

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Salary, Accountant	$1,350.00	
Office supplies	41.27	
Total expenditures	$1,391.27	
Balance to revenue	208.73	
		$1,600.00

Town Counsel

Appropriation		$500.00
Salary, Town Counsel	$500.00	
		$500.00

Finance Committee

Appropriation	$350.00

State Assoc. dues	$10.00	
Salaries	300.00	
Total expenditures	$310.00	
Balance to revenue	40.00	
		$350.00

Registrars

Appropriation		$100.00
Salaries, Board of Registrars	$63.75	
Total expenditures	63.75	
Balance to revenue	36.25	
		$100.00

Elections

Appropriation		$100.00
Printing and supplies	75.00	
Total expenditures	75.00	
Balance to revenue	25.00	
		$100.00

Planning Board

Appropriation		$25.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		25.00
Printing	$30.15	
Total expenditures	$30.15	
Balance to revenue	19.85	
		$50.00

Appeal Board

Appropriation		$100.00
Advertising	$94.50	
Total expenditures	$94.50	

Balance to revenue	5.50	
		$100.00

Building Inspector

Appropriation		$200.00
Services, Building Inspector	$200.00	
		$200.00

Wire Inspector

Appropriation		$200.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		7.65
Services, Wire Inspector	$200.00	
Office expense	7.65	
Total expenditures		$207.65

School House Committee

Balance from 1952		$1,862.85
Postage, addressing, etc.	$592.46	
Insurance	899.14	
Total expenditures	$1,491.60	
Balance to 1954	371.25	
		$1,862.85

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Salaries, Board of Health	$75.00	
Office supplies	5.23	
Maintenance of Dump	158.35	
Transfer to school	1,000.00	
Total expenditures	$1,238.58	
Balance to revenue	261.42	
		$1,500.00

Inspector of Animals

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Inspector of Animals	$50.00	
		$50.00

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		19.75
Salaries, Inspector of Slaughtering	$1,019.75	
Total expenditures		$1,019.75

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police

Appropriation		$1,600.00
Services, Police Officers	$1,069.86	
Supplies and Insurance	352.22	
Total expenditures	$1,422.08	
Forward to 1954	113.65	
Balance to revenue	64.27	
		$1,600.00

Dog Officer

Appropriation		$60.00
Salary, Dog Officer	$50.00	
Balance to revenue	10.00	
		$60.00

Deputy Game Warden

Appropriation		$50.00
Salary, Deputy Game Garden	$50.00	
		$50.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$35.00
Salary, Sealer	$25.00	
Office supplies	2.88	
Total expenditures	$27.88	

Balance to revenue	7.12	
		$35.00

Fire Warden

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		284.35
Janitor service	$300.00	
Labor	250.75	
Equipment and Repairs	377.26	
Telephone	181.22	
Supplies	87.21	
Fuel	83.91	
Fire Engineering subscription	3.50	
		$1,284.35

Forest Warden

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		114.70
Salary, Forest Warden	$200.00	
Labor	666.50	
Telephones	218.83	
Equipment	356.65	
Repairs	85.13	
Fuel	87.59	
		$1,614.70

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$600.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		19.90
Labor and Trucks	$486.25	
Tree removal	110.00	
Supplies	23.65	
		$619.90

Moth Suppression

Appropriation		$1,300.00
Labor	$681.25	
Trucks	245.00	

Repairs	65.84	
Supplies	288.01	
Gasoline and oil	19.76	
Total expenditures	$1,299.86	
Balance to revenue	.14	
		$1,300.00

Dutch Elm Control

Appropriation		$800.00
Labor	$250.00	
Truck	10.50	
Power saw	24.00	
Elm tree removal	506.25	
Total expenditures	$790.75	
Balance to revenue	9.25	
		$800.00

CHARITIES, AID AND VETERANS' BENEFITS

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$900.00
Transfer from interest on loans		200.00
Cash	75.00	
State of Mass.	92.75	
Hospitalization	60.00	
Other towns	420.62	
Medical	45.00	
Total expenditures	$673.37	
Balance to revenue	426.63	
		$1,100.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation		$6,000.00
Cash	$5,626.44	

Other cities and towns	368.47	
Total expenditures	$5,994.91	
Balance to revenue	5.09	
		$6,000.00

Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1952		$10,392.71
Federal Grants		5,715.23
Cash	$8,148.31	
Other cities and towns	532.27	
Balance to 1954	7,427.36	
		$16,107.94

Old Age Assistance, Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1952		$866.71
Welfare district	$194.00	
Balance to 1954	672.71	
		$866.71

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation		$1,500.00
Cash	$1,500.00	
		$1,500.00

Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1952		$930.39
Federal Grants		756.00
Cash	$999.38	
Balance to 1954	687.01	
		$1,686.39

Aid to Dependent Children, Administration, U. S. Grant

Balance from 1952		$89.01
Balance to 1954		$89.01

Disability Assistance

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Cash	$500.00	

Transfer to school	500.00	
		$1,000.00

Disability Assistance, U. S. Grant

Balance 1952		$176.15
Federal Grants		321.63
Cash	$344.06	
Balance to 1954	153.72	
		$497.78

Veterans' Benefits

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Cash	$585.00	
Fuel	30.00	
Total expenditures	$615.00	
Balance to revenue	385.00	
		$1,000.00

HIGHWAYS

Highways and Bridges—Selectmen's Fund

Appropriation		$1,000.00
Labor and Trucks	$599.00	
Sand and Gravel	57.08	
Salt	14.50	
Supplies	166.22	
Total expenditures	$836.80	
Balance to revenue	163.20	
		$1,000.00

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation		$1,000.00
State allotment		500.00
Labor and Trucks	$426.00	
Sand	233.84	
Oil	822.16	
Use of town tools	18.00	
		$1,500.00

Chapter 90—Construction, Depot Road, 1952

Balance from 1952		$3,868.36
Labor and Trucks	$2,590.30	
Oil	490.91	
Sand	787.15	
		$3,868.36

Chapter 90—Construction, Depot Road, 1953

Appropriation		$2,000.00
State allotment		4,000.00
County allotment		2,000.00
Labor and Trucks	$6,316.17	
Use of town tools	9.00	
Oil	490.72	
Sand and gravel	1,184.11	
		$8,000.00

Chapter 81—Maintenance

Appropriation		$2,800.00
State allotment		15,400.00
Labor and Trucks	$12,543.74	
Use of town tools	215.50	
Oil	3,630.75	
Sand and gravel	1,810.01	
		$18,200.00

Bare Hill Road

Appropriation		$800.00
Labor and Trucks	$322.50	
Oil	331.36	
Use of town tools	6.00	
Sand and gravel	123.48	
Total expenditures	783.34	
Balance to 1954	16.66	
		$800.00

Main Street

Appropriation	$1,000.00

Labor and Trucks	$564.50	
Sand and gravel	159.14	
Oil	276.36	
		$1,000.00

Snow Removal and Sanding

Appropriation		$7,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		13.98
Labor and Trucks	$4,999.01	
Use of town tools	304.00	
Repairs	553.75	
Sand	686.18	
Salt	395.70	
Gasoline and oil	75.34	
		$7,013.98

Road Machinery Maintenance

Appropriation		$500.00
Appropriation from Road Machinery Fund		500.00
Labor and Trucks	$310.02	
Gasoline and oil	147.18	
Repairs	318.30	
Light	12.02	
Tools	197.48	
Storage	15.00	
		$1,000.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation		$650.00
Street lights	$624.62	
Balance to revenue	25.38	
		$650.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

All Schools

Appropriation	$44,055.00
Transfer	1,600.00

Refund		29.48
School Teachers	$15,486.47	
Substitutes	527.50	
Supervisors	1,199.00	
Superintendence:		
Salary	961.51	
Clerk	300.00	
Expense	165.26	
Health:		
Nurse	350.00	
Physicians	150.00	
Supplies	10.94	
Tuition	8,615.00	
Transportation	8,820.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Janitors	1,200.00	
Attendance Officers	20.00	
Committee expense	70.67	
Supervisors expense	150.69	
Books	442.08	
Supplies	666.23	
Equipment	690.07	
Fuel	1,348.82	
Light	289.02	
Telephones	204.26	
Repairs	818.04	
Insurance	600.00	
Grounds	70.00	
Library books	24.65	
Janitor supplies	282.57	
Misc. expense	12.50	
New room (Morse School)	1,599.00	
Total expenditures		$45,074.28
Balance to revenue		610.20
		$45,684.48

J. T. Barker Fund

Balance from 1952	$1,252.13

Interest received from Trustees		650.00
Tuition, Andover	$1,000.00	
Balance to 1954	902.13	
		$1,902.13

Vocational Education

Appropriation		$300.00
Tuition	$273.60	
Balance to revenue	26.40	
		$300.00

School Lunch Program

Balance from 1952		$58.49
State Grants		147.14
Cash		683.02
Milk	$749.34	
Balance to 1954	139.31	
		$888.65

East Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license refund from County		163.76
Interest from Library Funds		95.64
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$459.40	
		$459.40

West Parish Library

Appropriation		$200.00
Half dog license from County		163.76
Interest from Library Funds		83.05
Operating expense refunded to Ass'n	$446.81	
		$446.81

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Halls

Appropriation		$2,000.00
Janitors	$353.58	
Fuel	188.19	

Light	114.85	
Telephone	168.97	
Repairs	110.17	
Supplies	155.84	
Total expenditures	$1,091.60	
Balance to 1954	908.40	
		$2,000.00

Land Taking

Appropriation		$30.00
Expenditures		$30.00

Public Grounds

Appropriation		$250.00
Care of public grounds	$176.70	
Balance to revenue	73.30	
		$250.00

Town Forest

Appropriation		$200.00
Labor	$100.00	
Balance to revenue	100.00	
		$200.00

Soldiers' Graves

Appropriation		$250.00
East Parish Cemeteries	$114.83	
West Parish Cemeteries	114.83	
Total expenditures	$229.66	
Balance to revenue	20.34	
		$250.00

Harmony Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor and materials	$50.00	
		$50.00

Boxford Village Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Cleaning and resetting old stones	$50.00	
		$50.00

Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Appropriation		$50.00
Labor	$50.00	
		$50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation		$250.00
Music	$150.00	
Flags	22.46	
Refreshments	22.50	
Flowers, etc.	26.70	
Total expenditures	$229.66	
Balance to revenue	20.34	
		$250.00

Clerical

Appropriation		$300.00
Clerical	$239.00	
Balance to revenue	61.00	
		$300.00

Morse House

Appropriation		$100.00
Balance to revenue	$100.00	
		$100.00

Interest on Loans

Appropriation		$400.00
Balance to revenue	$400.00	
		$400.00

Town Reports

Appropriation	$500.00

Town Reports	$489.50	
Balance to revenue	10.50	
		$500.00

Contingent Fund

Appropriation		$500.00
Signs	$120.37	
Balance to revenue	379.63	
		$500.00

Civil Defense

Appropriation		$600.00
Transfer from Reserve		3.80
Expenses	$603.80	
		$603.80

Insurance

Appropriation		$2,200.00
Insurance Policies:	$2,044.68	
Total expenditures	$2,044.68	
Balance to revenue	155.32	
		$2,200.00

Interest on Maturing Debt

Appropriation		$2,200.00
Interest payments	$1,625.00	
Transfer to public welfare	200.00	
Balance to revenue	375.00	
		$2,200.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Reserve		$2,000.00
Total transfers	$464.13	
Balance to Overlay Reserve	1,530.87	
		$2,000.00

Respectfully submitted
BARBARA C. PERLEY,
Town Accountant

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

The Receipts and Disbursements in the General Cash Account for the year 1953 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1953		$ 95,052.48
S. S. Pearl, Tax Collector	$ 98,856.23	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Highways	16,407.01	
Education	16,088.07	
Taxes	7,690.56	
Old Age Assist., grants	11,755.07	
Aid to Dep. Child., grants	1,241.66	
Disability Assist., grants	359.50	
Veterans' Benefits	352.50	
Animals Inspection	25.00	
Board of Health	87.14	
Snow Removal, Rts. 97 & 133	16.00	
School Lunch Program	147.14	
County of Essex:		
Highways	2,974.27	
Dog License refund	327.52	
Court Fines	50.00	
Trust Funds, income	954.69	
Departmental receipts	415.03	
Licenses and permits	1,137.55	
Income from town property	456.44	
Withholding Tax account	3,968.05	
Departmental refunds	70.27	
School Lunch Program	683.02	
School loan & premium on loans	130,461.07	
Insurance claim	25.00	
Telephone refunds	38.30	294,587.09
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$389,639.57

Disbursements:

Treasury Warrants as issued by Accountant and approved by Selectmen	$220,587.27
Balance December 31, 1953	$169,052.30

For a more detailed statement of Receipts and Disbursements, see report of Town Accountant.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

TOWN FARM FUND

There are deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank, United States Treasury Bonds, par value $13,650.00:

$6,500 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 70/65	$ 6,500.00
7,150 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2⅞'s, 60/65	7,150.00
	$13,650.00
Danvers Savings Bank, Book 14805:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$ 6,009.63
Interest for the year 1953	181.63
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$ 6,191.26

Interest from the above bonds is deposited in the banks as follows:

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 83858:	
On deposit, Jan. 1, 1953	$ 113.97
Interest for the year 1953	2.85
Balance, Jan. 1, 1954	$ 116.82
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 28764:	
On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$10,928.97
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	368.06
Savings Bank interest for 1953	331.22
Balance, Jan. 1, 1954	$11,628.25

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Deposited in the safe deposit vault of the Danvers Savings Bank are United States Treasury Bonds as follows:

$2,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds reg 2½'s, 69/64	$ 2,000.00
3,000 U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2½'s, 71/66	3,000.00
	$ 5,000.00

Interest from these bonds is deposited in the Danvers Savings Bank, Book 15573:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$ 1,323.78
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	125.00
Savings Bank interest for 1953	40.43
Balance, Jan. 1, 1954	$ 1,489.21

Georgetown Savings Bank, Book 11752:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$ 2,075.91
Interest for the year 1953	62.74
Balance, Jan. 1, 1954	$ 2,138.65

SARAH P. PERLEY FUND

Andover Savings Bank, Book 38221:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$ 2,123.11
Interest for the year 1953	53.40
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$ 2,176.51

CURTIS AND KILLAM BURIAL LOT FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 8600:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$ 257.66
Interest for the year 1953	7.78
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$ 265.44

EAST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107894:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$	2,000.00
Interest for the year 1953		50.31
	$	2,050.31
Withdrawn		50.31
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$	2,000.00

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30898:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$	1,500.00
Interest for the year 1953		45.33
	$	1,545.33
Withdrawn		45.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$	1,500.00

WEST PARISH LIBRARY FUND

Lawrence Savings Bank, Book 107895:

On deposit Jan. 1953	$	1,500.00
Interest for the year 1953		37.72
	$	1,537.72
Withdrawn		37.72
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$	1,500.00

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 30896:

On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$	1,500.00
Interest for the year 1953		45.33
	$	1,545.33
Withdrawn		45.33
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$	1,500.00

EAST PARISH LIBRARY COTE FUND

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 10319:		
On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$	1,285.53
Interest for the year 1953		38.84
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$	1,324.37

BOXFORD VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Danvers Savings Bank, Book 9224:		
On deposit Jan. 1, 1953	$	913.92
Interest for the year 1953		27.61
	$	941.53
Withdrawn		6.00
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$	935.53

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDS

For the year ending December 31, 1953

The funds are invested in the following Savings Banks:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank		
Book No. 11474	$	1,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank		
Book No. 5501		2,000.00
Salem Savings Bank		
Book No. 83786		1,000.00
Total amount of fund	$	4,000.00

The interest on the above funds has been sent to the Town Treasurer by check, as follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$	30.00
Danvers Savings Bank		60.00
Salem Savings Bank		32.50
Total	$	122.50

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PARKHURST
JOHN T. CHADWICK
HARRY E. TRASK
Committee on School Funds

All of the bonds and bank books for the preceding Trust Funds are in the custody of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY K. PARKHURST,

Treasurer

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAXES—1949

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953	$ 2.41	
Taxes collected:		
Motor Vehicle excise		$ 2.41
	$ 2.41	$ 2.41

TAXES—1950

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953	$ 905.66	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		
Real Estate		$ 823.22
Personal Property		24.15
Motor Vehicle excise		55.20
Abatements:		
Motor Vehicle excise		3.09
	$ 905.66	$ 905.66

TAXES—1951

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953	$ 3,196.84	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 4.00
Real Estate		1,398.74
Personal Property		412.66
Classified Forest Land		6.08
Motor Vehicle Excise		4.00
Interest		
Abatements:		

Poll		14.00
Personal Property		
Motor Vehicle Excise		39.59
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1954		1,317.77
	$ 3,196.84	$ 3,196.84

TAXES—1952

Uncollected Jan. 1, 1953	$14,832.17	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	93.57	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 20.00
Real Estate		5,155.91
Personal Property		1,006.66
Classified Forest Land		28.81
Motor Vehicle Excise		5,405.98
Interest		
Abatements:		
Poll		8.00
Personal Property		9.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		185.61
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1954		3,105.77
	$14,925.74	$14.925.74

TAXES—1953

Real Estate Commitment	$71,578.08	
Personal Property Commitment	11,456.64	
Poll Tax Commitment	674.00	
Poll Tax Refund	2.00	
Classified Forest Land Assessment	181.44	
Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments	12,197.94	
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	462.91	
Taxes collected:		
Poll		$ 582.00
Real Estate		62,665.48
Personal Property		10,154.36
Classified Forest Land		144.96
Motor Vehicle Excise		10,619.28

Interest		
Abatements:		
Poll		74.00
Real Estate		1,291.68
Personal Property		12.72
Motor Vehicle Excise		936.85
Transfer to Tax Title Account		3.60
Uncollected Jan. 1, 1954		10,068.08
	$96,553.01	$96,553.01

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts from Taxes:	
Real Estate	$70,043.35
Personal Property	11,597.83
Poll	606.00
Classified Forest Land	179.85
Motor Vehicle Excise	16,086.87
Interest	342.33
Paid to Treasurer	$98,856.23

Respectfully submitted,
SIMEON S. PEARL,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

The disbursement of highway funds for 1953 were as follows: Under Chapter 81 the sum of $18,200.00 was available. Of this amount approximately $11,000.00 was used to resurface black-top roads. Substantial sections of Valley, Spofford, Rowley, Bare Hill and Mill Roads were graveled. Lake Shore Road from the residence of Oscar O. Anderson to the Groveland Line was re-surfaced with gravel and oiled so that the entire length of this road is now black-top.

Two hazardous outcrops of ledge on Main St. were dynamited to add width to the road. These improvements together with the usual guard rail maintenance, bush cutting and drainage account for the remainder of Chapter 81 funds.

The $1,000.00 appropriation for Main Street, was sufficient to continue the hard surfaced road to the junction of Main Street and Foster Street.

Chapter 90 Maintenance money was used to surface various sections of our main roads with asphalt. The balance of the 1952 Chapter 90 construction money, $3,868.36 together with $8,000.00 supplied by the State, County and Town for 1953 was used to continue the improvement of Depot Road.

A section of Elm St. in front of the residence of Charles L. Cotton was widened to improve parking conditions.

The area adjacent to Lincoln Hall was given a coat of hot top. We have had several conferences with the State Dept. of Public Works about various complaints and conditions that have come up during the year, relative to the new Route 1.

Besides settling some minor difficulties, as a result, we were able to get a 100% State grant of $800.00 for resurfacing a section of Bare Hill Road. Also some warning and directional signs at various important points.

Owing to the addition of various electrically operated equipment the system in Lincoln Hall which was installed when the building was constructed has proved inadequate to carry the load. The building has been re-wired and a certificate of approval issued.

In conclusion, we wish to thank the various town departments for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During the past year the Planning Board has been particularly concerned with strengthening the Zoning by-laws which are important for orderly growth in an expanding community.

With the completion of the new Route 1 State Highway, it became imperative that immediate steps be taken by the Planning Board to make such recommendations as would protect the growth of the community.

A special town meeting was held on December 11, 1953 at which time changes in the Zoning by-laws were voted on and approved. These changes were later approved by the Attorney General on January 6, 1954 and became effective with the published notice on January 19, 1954.

The Planning Board is now engaged in a study as to recommendations for strengthening the building code to further assure desirable development of the town of Boxford.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. COTTON
SIMEON S. PEARL
J. WARREN CHADWICK
E. LAURENCE COLBY
ALBERT C. WATERS, JR.
CHARLES P. A. NELSON
Planning Board

BOXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

East Parish

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The library is open for the distribution of books from 2:30 to 5:30 every Thursday and Saturday afternoon.

There is confusion today in the minds of many people about the proper methods of combatting the growth of subversive thinking. A particular portion of the debate concerns the type of materials to be included in library collections. The procedure of attempting to exclude all materials alleged to be subversive could lead to harmful abuses.

To help keep library collections free from both suppression or misuse, The Massachusetts Library Trustees Association has recently adopted a statement of principles concerning the development of library collections. It states in general terms what should govern book selections.

The Trustees of the Boxford Public Library, in company with the trustees of other libraries of the Commonwealth, have adopted these principles as follows:

1. Books and other library materials should be selected for inclusion in library collections for the information, enlightenment, and interest of the people of the community as a whole. Library materials should never be added or omitted because of the desires of any single individual or group to the exclusion of the interests of the rest.

2. There should be the fullest practicable provision of library materials to present all points of view about the problems and issues whether of the past, the present, or the future, and whether local, national, or international. Libraries do not advocate the ideas found in their collections. The presence of an item, whether magazine or book or other library material, in a library does not indicate an endorsement of its contents by the library.

3. Library materials which are authoritative should not be proscribed or removed from library shelves because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. In no case should any item be excluded because of the race, or the nationality, or the political or religious views, of the writer. Particularly must libraries resist any and all attempts to abridge the full access to ideas, the full freedom of information, and the full freedom of expression that are the tradition and heritage of citizens of the United States.

4. Public libraries in particular, while adhering unequivocally to the right of the people to full freedom of information, have a responsibility to make certain that the materials in their custody are not misused to the injury of either the people or the nation. The best procedure against misuse of library materials is not to suppress the materials, but to counter the misuse of them by an honest and complete presentation of all sides of the question at issue.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER K. PERLEY,
Secretary

CATHERINE INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

West Boxford

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In 1953 our records show that 182 persons used the library. Circulation totaled 3,433 and is as follows:

Fiction, 1,252

Non-fiction 1,474
Juvenile 707

Books added to the library numbered 240. Of these, 193 were purchased and 47 were presented.

Total number of books in the library collection at the present time is 8,358.

The Merrimac Valley Library Aid Association has lent to our library 2 collections of books during the past few months. These have been mostly non-fiction and have been greatly appreciated by our readers.

The Library subscribed to 14 Magazines last year, and had many more given to us regularly every month. This type of reading is very popular with our borrowers.

The Annual fund drive netted the sum of $109.20.

A bakery sale brought in the sum of $46.55 which was used for the purchase of children's books.

The Thrift Shop which was organized for the purpose of aiding the library in the purchase of books, was very successful last year and was able to purchase books and supplies for the library at a cost of $221.92.

To all those who assisted in any way, in 1953 to make the library more helpful to the community, the Library Association is sincerely grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL ROUNDS,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

The sum of $200.00 was appropriated for 1953. $84.00 was used for Survey work—of rerunning property lines on Northwest Side of Town, forest-clearing line and setting

red cedar posts. The balance of $116.00 was used in thinning and improvement cutting-clearing sprout growth along wood roads to make them more accessible in case of fire.

WALTER K. MORSS
ROBERT B. PARKHURST
WINTHROP P. HAYNES
Town Forest Committee

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the activities of the Boxford Police Department for the year 1953.

Classified Activities	*No. of Cases*
Complaints (various)	69
Summonses served	13
Registry Requests	22
Automobile Accidents	6
Arrests	3
Court Appearances	11
Camp Breaks	1
Larceny Complaints	7
Stolen Cars Recovered	6
Escaped Mental Patients Returned	1
Malicious damage complaints	6
House Breaks	1

With the increase of people and property in the town, the demands on us have increased considerably. It is my opinion that in 1954 the town should consider a man for at least half-time duty. The nature of his work would vary, depending on the time of year and local conditions. Following along with these increasing demands, the town might also consider the purchase of some sort of a police car. It

is an increasingly difficult situation to ask any individual to continually use his own vehicle to conduct town business.

A concentrated effort will be made during the coming year to get the intersections and through ways of Boxford posted with legal signs in an effort to control traffic through the villages.

We were awarded another Safety Certificate by the Registry of Motor Vehicles for the year 1952 for completion of the year without a fatal accident.

The regular camp inspections were maintained throughout the year. An effort was made to keep a man working at least one day per week through the summer months to help keep accidents and petty complaints to a minimum. This has worked so well during the past year that we hope to increase the effort along these lines during the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL N. LOVE, JR.,

Chief of Police

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the year ending December 31, 1953, I submit the following report:

Number of bovine animals	214
Number of horses	5
Number of swine	10

Inspection of animals and premises where kept have been done in accordance with direction of Mass. Division Live Stock Disease Control.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. GREENLER, D.V.M.,

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

A great deal of work has been done during the year in cleaning up the dead or dying trees. Strong winds in the Fall caused extensive damage.

Labor and Trucks	$486.25	
Tree Removal	110.00	
Supplies	23.65	$619.90
Appropriation		600.00
Transfer from Reserve		19.90

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

We have been very fortunate in the past few years in the control of the Gypsy Moths and Brown Tails. There will be a very bad infestation of the Gypsy Moth this year coming in from the North Andover section.

Labor	$681.25	
Truck	245.00	
Repairs	65.84	
Supplies	288.01	
Gas and Oil	19.76	$1,299.86
To Revenue		.14
Appropriation		$1,300.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE WORK

Removal of many large trees has been accomplished that were dead or diseased. There are a lot that will have to be taken down this year. All the Elm wood was taken to the town dump and burned.

Appropriation	$800.00
Labor, Truck and Road Equipment hire	790.75
Balance to revenue	$ 9.25

Respectfully submitted,

ALERSON E. NOYES,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

All money collected by us has been turned over to the town clerk.

At this time there are very few licenses still uncollected.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. GRAY,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen:
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

There were twenty-three brush and grass fires and three calls for fire at the dump.

Payroll	$566.50
Telephone	218.83
Salary	200.00

Equipment	356.65	
Repairs	85.13	
Fuel	87.59	
Total		$1,514.70
Appropriation		1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve		14.70

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health in 1953 are as follows:

Poliomyelitis—1 Dogbite—4 Chicken Pox—5

Licenses were granted as follows:

Recreational camps	6
Slaughter	2
Manufacture of ice cream	2
Lord's Day	2
Milk dealers	9
Oleo	1

Under Chapter 674 of the Acts of 1953 General Court of Massachusetts, the Board of Health of Boxford has inspected 4 Sub-divisions of land in Boxford laid out for residential developments and have reported favorably to the Planning Board on approximately 50 house lots.

The town dump continues to be used extensively and we have had it bulldozed twice during the year in an attempt to keep it reasonably accessible.

Tentative arrangements have been made in conjunction with the Department of Civil Defense to "Blood Type" all residents of Boxford 12 years of age or over sometime in April of 1954.

Local Boards of Health may now certify international certificates for vaccination.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The expense for welfare in 1953 was about 20% higher than in 1952 and economic conditions point toward a continued advance for 1954.

Under our district welfare plan only "General Relief" is administered separately by the towns in the district.

Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance and Disability Assistance are administered by the Central Essex Welfare District.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. COLE
FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS
RAYMOND PERLEY

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ESSEX WELFARE DISTRICT

Active Old Age Assistance Cases	14
Active Aid to Dependent Children Cases	2
Active Disability Assistance Cases	2

The case load for the town continues about the same level. We have gained one case in Aid to Dependent Children and one case in Disability Assistance. Expenditures have increased for medical expenses, and this picture is the same in all the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. Due to this fact there will be a Medical Plan issued by the State Department next year in an effort to have uniform fees throughout the State.

Recoveries under the lien law have doubled in the second year of this amendment to the Old Age Assistance Law.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS R. BROWN,

Welfare Agent

REPORT OF THE FIRE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

FIRES

1 Automobile
3 House Fires
1 Camp Fire
4 Chimney Fires

Payroll	$250.75	
Janitor	300.00	
Equipment	377.26	
Telephones	181.22	
Supplies	87.71	
Fuel	83.91	
Fire Engineering	3.50	
Total		$1,284.35
Appropriation		1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve		284.35

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHER N. FRENCH,

Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Issued 42 Permits for year 1953. New houses and garages, 25; Additions to houses and garages, 12; New garages,

3; Camps, 1; Additions to hen houses, 1. Total receipts for the year, $121.00.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. NASON,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF WIRE INSPECTOR

For the year 1953, I submit the following report:
Permits 88
Inspections 150
Expenses:

Salary	$175.00
Telephone and Office	25.00
Total	$200.00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT W. SPERRY,
Wire Inspector

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

	EXAMINED			CONDEMNED	
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Cattle	Calves
January	56	274	17		
February	46	236	11	1	2
March	39	267	6	1	4
April	44	240	6		4
May	33	232	4		4
June	31	210	16		6
July	32	201	6		
August	34	222	5	1	2
September	45	189	8		

October	45	225	23	1	8
November	46	240	13		3
December	49	252	13	1	5
	500	2788	128	5	38

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. FOSTER
CURTIS A. KIMBALL
ALBERT R. FROST
Inspectors of Slaughtering

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD

DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

	N. Andover	Boxford	Total
Balance Carried over from 1952	$114.82	$ 4.58	$119.40
Appropriated in 1953, Section 11, Chapter 599, Acts of 1946, Raised by the Assessors in 1953 Tax Levy	700.00	100.00	800.00
Totals	$814.82	$104.58	$919.40
Expended to December 31, 1953 (A)	668.22	93.81	762.03
Balance, December 31, 1953	$146.60	$ 10.77	$157.37

(A) Basis of Apportionment, Chapter 599, Acts of 1945, an Act establishing the basis of apportionment of State and County Taxes.

North Andover	$9,386,690.00—Percent .8769
Boxford	1,317,222.00—Percent .1231

District Department of Veteran's Service
JAMES J. MAKER,
District Treasurer

NORTH ANDOVER AND BOXFORD DISTRIST DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICE

Bernard W. Bingham (Salary)	$720.00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. (Services)	33.53
Veteran's Information Service, Frank Ostlin, Director, Moline, Illinois, (Veterans Laws)	6.00
Thomas J. McGrail, Jr., (District Treasurers Bond)	2.50
Total	$762.03

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,
Agent

REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

During the past year a Medical and Health Unit was formed under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Dodge, and a course in First Aid was presented at the Gardner Morse School for those who desired to attend. The purchase of an oxygen tank and mask was deemed desirable as a unit was not available in town for emergency use. This unit was purchased and is available to anyone for use under the direction of the Medical and Health Officer.

A request from the State Civil Defense Agency for portable lights to aid in the Worcester tornado was complied with and all available municipal lights were loaned.

The Portable Generator purchased will be incorporated as part of the Fire equipment and will be available for any emergency.

The Civil Defense Agency expresses its appreciation to the citizens and the officials of the town for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. RUSSELL,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Board of Selectmen
Town of Boxford

Gentlemen:

During the year I have tested and sealed the following weights and measures:

Platform scales	5
Beam scales	1
Computing scales	2
Spring scales	11
Gasoline meters	4
Kerosene pumps	1
Liquid measures	2
Grease measuring pumps	3

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER A. LEIGHTON,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF NORTH ANDOVER-BOXFORD

DISTRIST DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The following cases were assisted in 1953:

Discharge (photostat)	21
Discharge (certified copy)	14
Discharge (recorded)	4
Bonus (World War II)	1
Bonus (Korean)	48
Forms notarized	11
Taxes	12
Power of Attorney	15

Veterans Administration Compensation	8
Pension	9
Annual Income Report	22
Education, Training	8
Loan Guaranty	6
Hospitalization	12
Insurance	4
Insurance (dividend)	8
Medical-Dental	6

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD W. BINGHAM,

District Director

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL HOUSE COMMITTEE

Undoubtedly a good many citizens of Boxford have seen the activity and construction of the new elementary school and have watched its growth with as much interest as we.

You will be interested also to know that the low bidder on the contract was Mr. Louis McAloon whose father was contractor for the Aaron Wood School when it was built in 1930. We have all kept a close watch on the construction and feel that we are getting a well built and lasting school.

We have been working under a tight budget and have managed to keep costs within the original appropriation and we sincerely hope we can complete the work as anticipated. The original estimated completion date was set for January 4, 1954. By the time this report reaches you the school should be in full operation.

In view of the building construction now going on and contemplated in Boxford we feel that Boxford was indeed foresighted in erecting this modern school at an appropriate and opportune time.

We have had many comments from both Boxford and out-of-town people inspecting the school that lead us to believe that the town is getting a lot of school for the money invested.

We expect to be able to accept the completed school from the contractor in February and turn it over to the School Committee.

We wish to express our thanks to all of you who helped on this worthwhile project. We also wish that it be put into the town records that it was the generous gifts of land from Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Haynes and Mrs. Etta French that made it possible for us to erect the school on its present site.

J. STUART HAYWOOD, Chairman

J. WARREN CHADWICK

BARBARA MATTRAW

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

HARRY E. TRASK

ARCHIBALD L. TRULL

LAURENCE FRIZZELL, Secretary

School House Committee

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS

of the

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 28, 1951

TO AUGUST 11, 1953

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

September 11, 1953

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston 33, Mass.

Henry F. Long
Commissioner

Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts

September 11, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Harry L. Cole, Chairman

Boxford, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from December 28, 1951 to August 11, 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

Signed: (HERMAN B. DINE)

Director of Accounts

HBD:ED

Mr. Herman B. Dine

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Boxford for the period from December 28, 1951, the date of the previous examination, to August 11, 1953, the following report being submitted thereon:

An examination and verification was made of the recorded financial transactions of the town, as shown on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the treasurer's cash book, while the recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the treasurer's record of disbursements.

The appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations, as recorded on the ledgers, were compared with the town clerk's record of financial votes passed by the town meetings.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on August 11, 1953, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book was added throughout for the period of the audit, the receipts being analyzed and compared with the departmental records of

payments to the treasurer, with other sources from which the town received money, and with the town accountant's books. The recorded payments were checked with the approved warrants authorizing the disbursements of town funds.

The cash balance on August 11, 1953 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town money is deposited and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and in the custody of the trustees of the Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund were examined and listed. The transfers of the town were verified, and the income of the several funds was proved.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes were checked and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

The assessors' records of abatements granted were reconciled with the collector's books and with the accountant's ledger. The assessors' warrants for the commitment of taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and special taxes were examined and checked with the detailed lists, while the recapitulation sheets for 1952 and 1953 taxes were examined and all computations verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of poll, personal property, and real estate taxes, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and special taxes were proved to the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The receipts, as entered, were checked with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

It is urged that action be taken to secure a prompt settlement of the delinquent accounts.

Further verification of the outstanding accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the board of selectmen and of the town clerk were examined and checked. The records of licenses granted were checked with the applications and duplicate stubs on file, and the recorded receipts were compared with the payments to the State and to the town treasurer.

The surety bonds furnished by the several officials of the town for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts by the sealer of weights and measures, the inspector of buildings, and the school department, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined and checked, the recorded payments to the treasurer being compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's, tax collector's, and town clerk's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: (WILLIAM SCHWARTZ)

Assistant Director of Accounts

WS:ED.

Town of Boxford—BALANCE SHEET—August 11, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves		
Cash:		$214,384.25	State and County Assessments 1953:		
General,			State:		
Accounts Receivable:			Parks and Reservations,	$ 101.75	
Taxes:			Audit of Municipal Accounts,	303.03	
Levy of 1950			County:		
Personal Property,	$ 24.15		Tax,	3,883.82	
Levy of 1951:			Hospital (Overestimate),	816.53	
Poll,	6.00				$ 5,105.13
Personal Property,	332.11		Veterans' Service District,		100.00
Real Estate,	1,940.04		Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
Levy of 1952:			Federal Taxes,		23.90
Poll,	6.00		Agency:		
Personal Property,	840.17		County—Dog Licenses,		125.80
Real Estate,	3,765.27		Trust Fund Income:		
Levy of 1953:			Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School Fund,		252.13
Poll,	124.00		Premium on Loan:		
Personal Property,	10,029.12		School Construction,		246.82
Real Estate,	54,503.44		Federal Grants:		
		$ 71,570.30	Disability Assistance:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			Assistance,	$ 257.93	
Levy of 1949,	$ 2.41		Aid to Dependent Children:		
Levy of 1952,	118.17		Administration,	89.01	
Levy of 1953,	628.14		Aid,	979.64	
		$ 748.72	Old Age Assistance:		
Special Taxes:			Administration,	866.71	
Classified Forest Land:			Assistance,	11,039.22	13,232.51

Levy of 1952,	$ 7.20	
Levy of 1953,	90.48	
		$ 97.68
Tax Titles,		$ 56.99
Departmental:		
Fire,	$ 27.80	
Disability Assistance,	.40	
Veterans' Services,	37.50	
		$ 65.70
Aid to Highways:		
State,	$ 12,830.20	
County,	525.73	
		$ 13,355.93
Estimated Receipts to be Collected,		$ 960.61
		$301,240.18

Revolving Fund:		
School Lunch,		148.89
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General,	$ 54,013.14	
Non-Revenue:		
School Construction	140,180.00	
		$194,193.14
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Road Machinery		905.33
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		5,503.24
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1950,	$ 24.15	
Levy of 1951,	811.31	
Levy of 1952,	2,723.45	
Levy of 1953,	3,817.56	
		$ 7,376.47
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	$ 748.72	
Special Tax,	97.68	
Tax Title,	56.99	
Departmental,	65.70	
Aid to Highways,	13,355.93	
		$ 14,325.02
Surplus Revenue,		59,701.80
		$301,240.18

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or fixed Debt:		Serial Loan:	
Outside Debt Limit:		Outside Debt Limit:	
		General:	
General,	$130,000.00	School Construction	$130,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities:		Welfare Funds:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	$ 54,655.40	Town Farm,	$ 31,049.64
In Custody of Trustees,	28,283.28	Sarah P. Perley,	2,123.11
		Visiting Nurse Association,	913.92
		School Fund,	4,000.00
		Library Funds:	
		East Parish,	3,525.00
		East Parish Cote,	1,285.53
		West Parish	3,018.75
		Cemetery:	
		Curtis-Killam,	257.66
		Investment Fund:	
		Post-War Rehabilitation,	8,481.79
		In Custody of Trustees:	
		Jonathan Tyler Barker Free School,	28,283.28
	$ 82,938.68		$ 82,938.68

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BOXFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Archibald L. Trull, Chairman	Term Expires 1956
Rosamond Price	Term Expires 1954
John S. Haywood, Secretary	Term Expires 1954

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
William D. Johnson, Ed. M.
Jackson Way, Georgetown
Telephone Georgetown 3091

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN
Fred J. Nahil, M. D.
Georgetown, Mass.

SCHOOL NURSE
Miss Ruth Barnard, R. N.
Topsfield

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE
Archer French
Boxford

Clayton Nelson
West Boxford

TEACHERS

Name	*School*	*Grade or Subjects*
Chester A. Parker	Aaron Wood	6, 7 and 8
Gladys E. MacPherson	Aaron Wood	6, 7 and 8
Lelia Millay	Community House	1 and 2
Dorothy Carver	Morse	1 and 2
Bernice Billewicz	Morse	3 and 4
Ruth Morin	Morse	5
Marcia Tatarunis		Music Supervisor
Esther Osman		Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The year 1953 was highlighted by the town's approval at a special town meeting in February of plans for new school construction at the site of the Aaron Wood School and its appropriation of $146,000 for this purpose. Construction of the new building was begun in May and completion is expected early in 1954.

With the return of the eighth grade to the town in September it was necessary to provide an additional classroom at the start of the current school year. As a temporary measure, the west end of the basement of the Gardner Morse School was partitioned off and converted at a cost of approximately $1750 into an attractive classroom which has been occupied by the fifth grade. Although it was provided for temporary occupancy until the new building is completed, this room will continue to serve a useful purpose as a lunch room for the pupils occupying the regular classrooms upstairs, and as a temporary classroom if ever needed again in the future. Furthermore, it will be available, under the school committee's regulation, to civic organizations which may wish to use it as a meeting place.

With the provision of new school facilities early in 1954, the Community House will be vacated and the Aaron Wood School will be closed for the balance of the school year as an economy measure. The latter building will be re-opened in September when increased school enrollment will require its use.

It is interesting to note that the anticipated enrollment of 153 pupils in September was actually 164 at the time school opened.

Our teaching staff was augmented in September by the appointment of Mr. Chester Parker who has been acting as principal and teaching on a departmental basis in the three upper grades. Otherwise, our regular teaching staff has remained unchanged. Mr. Monte Nelson, music super-

visor, resigned in June but has been ably replaced by Mrs. Marcia Tatarunis.

Our school buildings have been kept in good condition and repair and maintenance work done as necessary. It is expected, however, that in 1954 a new water storage tank will have to replace the present one in the Aaron Wood School which is showing signs of constant use since the building was erected.

You will note that the proposed budget for 1954 is approximately 30% higher than that of a year ago. This is due to several factors: (1) substantially higher tuition rates charged by Andover and Topsfield, beginning January 1, 1954, and anticipated by North Andover in September; (2) an enlarged faculty in our own school system because of the increasing number of pupils; (3) additional building space to be heated, lighted and cared for with the completion of our new building.

Despite our efforts to keep the school budget as low as possible, we must face the fact that our school population is growing, and that the over-all cost of educating our children is becoming greater as the town grows.

We express our appreciation at this time for the fine co-operation we have had from all persons connected with and interested in the schools.

We call your attention to the reports which follow, giving specific information in regard to various aspects of the educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD L. TRULL, Chairman

J. STUART HAYWOOD, Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The enrollment of the Boxford schools continues to increase as anticipated. With the return of eighth grade pupils to Boxford, the new classroom in the basement of the Morse School has provided a temporary classroom required to meet the immediate situation.

Construction of the new school in Boxford Village should meet the needs of the town for several years. The new building provides for the first time in Boxford appropriate facilities for a physical education program and assembly. The new all-purpose room should be an asset to the community as well as the school itself.

As a school system grows, we should look to increased opportunities for our pupils and not just classroom space. We should look for increased benefits through both organization and program of studies. The new school provides four classrooms plus additional space which may quite economically be converted to two additional classrooms. A growing school population will eventually mean that we will have one grade per room in addition to the advantages derived from the all-purpose room. I look forward to a hot lunch program and the introduction of Household Arts for girls in grades seven and eight. Industrial Arts for boys of these grades should also be a part of the program.

Increased program offerings to our pupils requires that we increase the length of our school day and that we departmentalize our upper grades in order to obtain teachers with special training for such subjects as Industrial Arts and Household Arts. It is possible, however, that part time instructors may be procured for the special subjects just as is the case in Music and Art.

The school day in Boxford is a short day. Use of the

same buses for both High School and Elementary transportation seems always to have been the determining factor in governing the length of the school day. I recommend that an effort be made to extend the school day in September 1954 even though it requires more extensive transportation.

The progress of our pupils in school continues on a high level. The record of pupils attending High School in both Andover and Topsfield indicates their elementary school background has been adequate. Test results of elementary school pupils shows that the median pupil in our grades is well above grade level but also indicates to me that organization which results in thirty or more pupils in a room with two grades, is not beneficial to the pupils.

The teaching staff of our Boxford schools consists of a capable group of experienced teachers who understand boys and girls and who strive toward the educational progress of the pupils. Educational progress without attention to the development of good citizen qualities is not enough. Our teachers are interested in the individual child and these qualities of honesty, industry and cooperation which make good citizenship.

New members of the teaching staff in the Boxford public schools during 1954 include Mr. Chester Parker, a Bates graduate with considerable experience in High School and Elementary grades who shares the teaching of grades 6, 7 and 8 with Mrs. MacPherson, and Mrs. Tatarunis of Lowell Teachers College who was elected Music Supervisor on a one day a week basis to succeed Mr. Nelson who resigned at the close of the school year in June.

In closing this report I express my appreciation to the teachers, custodians, pupils, parents, citizens, school committee members and other town officials for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. JOHNSON,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as Supervisor of Music for the year ending December 31, 1953.

During the past year, the classroom teachers and I have been attempting to provide each child with an opportunity to know, to understand and to love music in as many forms as possible. Those areas of experience which were covered are as follows:

Singing: This area includes instruction in the correct use of the voice so that each child will sing with as pleasing and correct tone quality as possible. The development of a repertoire of interesting as well as musically significant songs which may help in the growth and development of the whole child also received major emphasis.

Listening: Records of vocal and instrumental music were presented to all children.

Rhythmic Response: To increase rhythmic understanding the children march, clap their hands and sway to music. Folk dances, rhythm band and singing games are also part of the program.

Creating: Dramatization of songs, original songs and poems are encouraged. Children are motivated to draw pictures inspired by records and favorite songs.

Music Reading: The reading readiness program is begun in the second grade and actual music reading is attempted during the latter part of the third year if the children show that they are ready. In the fifth grade two-part music is introduced and in the sixth grade, three-part music.

Aaron Wood School: Mrs. MacPherson, the children of

grades seven and eight and I are very pleased with our new set of music books — American Singer, Book VII.

We were delighted upon receiving a gift of over forty of the finest record albums available, presented to the school by Mr. Jack Breed, a resident of Boxford.

I am grateful for your help and for the cooperation of all those with whom I have worked. I also would like to mention the very fine work carried on in music by the classroom teachers, for without their help it would be impossible to organize a successful program of music education.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCIA TATARUNIS,

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Boxford:

I hereby submit my report as supervisor of art for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The art work in the Schools in 1953 continued to be integrated with studies, holidays, seasonal, school and community activities. Pictures and objects were created through the mediums of clay, paints, crayons, chalk, wire, tinfoil, cloth, papier-mache and three dimensional paper craft.

The children's work may be seen throughout the year on display in each classroom. At Parent-Teacher Association meetings the parents have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and see the development and growth from one grade level to another.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER OSMAN,

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools and the members of the School Committee of the Town of Boxford:

We hereby submit our report as School Physician and Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The physical examinations for the 1st, 4th and 7th grades were completed in October with the only defects noted being cavities of the teeth. One pupil with a congenital heart has had a satisfactory operation and is able to carry on with school work and activities.

Pre-School Clinic: In May of this year the first pre-school clinic was conducted. The response was gratifying with eight first graders being present, accompanied by their mothers. A complete physical examination was given each child, with advice from the doctor to the parent concerning any known defect.

Immunization: A total of 61 pupils were immunized in March with Diphtheria-tetanus toxoid.

Eye Examinations: The annual eye examinations revealed six children with defective eye sight. These students, with the prompt cooperation of parents, received immediate attention.

We wish to thank the school personnel for their co-operation in the health problems that we meet during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH BARNARD, R. N.

FRED J. NAHIL, M. D.

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING TOPSFIELD SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Marjorie Killam
Dianne Tagg

Juniors

John Flanders
Meredythe Osgood
Eleanor Swanson

Sophomores

Sophia Cronis

Freshmen

Helen Galloway
Patricia Piper
Priscilla Owen
Susan Godfrey

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Orden E. Owen, Jr.
Judy Owen
Dwight Melzard
Sandra Nolan
Linda Lou Ortega
Scott Nolan
Judy Melzard

BOXFORD PUPILS ATTENDING PUNCHARD

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

Jane Dineen
Pamela Kimball
Eleanor Doucette
Barbara Perkins
Gloria Dupuis
Paula Williams
Elaine Hopping
Daniel Shaw

Juniors

John Baer
Anne Lord
Kathleen Dineen
Ann Nelson
David Emery
Valerie Shaw
Joan Houldsworth
Beverly Spofford
Eugene Vincent

Sophomores

Mary Alice Baer
Sally Harris
Marjorie Gould
George Hopping

William Greenler — Sara Paisley

Grade 9

Gloria Berube — Davida Morin
James Butler — Evelyn Perry
Kathleen Greenler — Brenda Spofford
William Hartwell — Stuart Troop
Robert Millay — Herbert Whittemore

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1953

Morse School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Boys	8	3	12	5	9	—	37
Girls	6	4	8	8	9	—	35
	14	7	20	13	18	—	72

Aaron Wood and Community

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
Boys	2	11	—	—	—	11	9	10	43
Girls	6	7	—	—	—	21	7	6	47
	8	18	—	—	—	32	16	16	90

SCHOOL CENSUS

Ages	5-7	7-15	16 or over	Totals
Boys	24	79	5	108
Girls	26	86	14	126
	50	165	19	234

PROPOSED SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET—1954

Administration:		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 1,025.00	
Superintendent's Transportation	141.00	
Clerk and Office Expense	360.00	
Supervisors of Attendance	20.00	
Committee Expense	100.00	
		$ 1,646.00
Instructional:		
Teachers' Salaries	$22,350.00	

Supervisor's Salaries	1,260.00	
Substitutes	400.00	
Books	550.00	
Supplies	650.00	
		$25,210.00
Operational:		
Janitors' Salaries	$ 1,600.00	
Fuel	1,600.00	
Electricity	450.00	
Janitor Supplies	350.00	
Telephones	130.00	
		$ 4,130.00
Health:		
Physician	$ 250.00	
Nurse	400.00	
Supplies	25.00	
		$ 675.00
Tuition		$13,380.00
Transportation		8,820.00
Maintenance		1,000.00
Insurance		1,200.00
Equipment		1,200.00
Total for Schools		$57,261.00
Vocational		630.00
Total for Schools and Vocational		$57,891.00
Estimated 1954 State Reimbursements—		
Schools		$15,889.00
Vocational		290.00
Estimated Net Local Cost		$41,712.00

REIMBURSEMENTS ON 1953 ACCOUNTS

Chapter 643, Acts of 1948	$ 5,343.34
Union Sup't. of Schools	560.00
All School Transportation	7,855.00
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	852.54
	$14,610.88

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We have now completed the largest single financial obligation in the history of the Town in terms of the new school building. The impact of its cost in the form of an increased tax rate will be the greatest during the current fiscal year. Thereafter the rate should be less.

New equipment, such as a suitable stove, dishes, some furniture, and other items will be required at the school. An alert and energetic Parent-Teacher Association has exactly the right idea in financing these projects, thereby relieving already overburdened taxpayers. We cite its work to obtain a fireproof curtain for the stage of the new auditorium. Such work merits the support of all.

Again, it must be stated that in the interests of economy, personal projects requiring expenditures out of town funds are not favorably considered by this Committee. We mean to offend no one. We simply state that the best interests of the taxpayers as a whole—our fundamental standard—require this approach.

WALTER MORSS

DIMON LOCKWOOD

THOMAS E. CARGILL, JR., Chairman

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Boxford in said County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Boxford qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet in Town Hall, Boxford, on Monday, the first day of March next, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Article 2. To act on the suggested budget and see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the several departments for the current year, to wit: Schools, Highways and Bridges, Charities, Health, Veterans' Benefits, Street Lighting, Moth Suppression, Memorial Day, Forest Warden, Town Halls, Elections, Interest on Loans, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Accountant, Selectmen and all other necessary and proper expenses arising during said year.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the maintenance of Road Machinery, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $2,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, said amount to be transferred from Overlay Reserve.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate

from Surplus Revenue the sum of $26,200.00 to meet the State and County allotments for highways, and any other highway relocation, repair of construction done in anticipation of reimbursement, said money when reimbursed to be credited to Surplus Revenue.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, paying within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 7. To allow bills of charge and to raise and appropriate money for paying the same.

Article 8. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay for the labor in the several departments for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use such free cash in the Treasury as they deem best for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the current year.

Article 10. To hear and act on the report of the committee relative to fire protection appointed by the Board of Selectmen by direction of the town at the last annual town meeting, and to raise and appropriate money or to take any other action.

Article 11. To appropriate $316.29 refunded from the County on account of dog licenses for libraries or schools.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to continue the improvement of Main Street from the section completed in 1953 toward West Boxford, or take any action in the matter.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the improvement of Depot Road; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose under the provisions of Chapter 90, or take any action in the matter.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to acquire by deed or lease a portion of the land owned by the Boxford Boy Scouts, Inc. for the purpose of storing town vehicles and, if necessary, building a town garage and to raise and appropriate any necessary amount of money therefor.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $500.00 to be divided equally between the two libraries for the use towards the maintenance of the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to help meet the cost of modernizing the antiquated heating system in the West Boxford Public Library.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to provide paid vacations for town employees who have worked twelve full months or more, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to erect a suitable fence on the line between the property of Mrs. Beatrice Wheeler and the Gardner Morse School grounds; also to renew the fence between the property of Mr. A. A. Auger and the Gardner Morse School grounds, and to raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet in Town Hall, Boxford, on Tuesday, March 2nd next for the following purposes, viz: To choose by bal-

lot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Selectman for three years, Assessor of Taxes for three years, Collector of Taxes, Constable, East Parish; Constable, West Parish; Highway Surveyor, East Parish; Highway Surveyor, West Parish; one member of the School Committee for three years, one member of the School Committee for one year, one member of the Board of Health for three years, Tree Warden, one year, one member of the Planning Board for five years.

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:30 A. M., AND MAY CLOSE AT 1:30 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

HARRY L. COLE

FRANKLIN C. ROBERTS

RAYMOND PERLEY

Selectmen of Boxford

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1954

Selectmen	$ 1,200.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
Assessors	1,600.00
Treasurer	475.00
Town Clerk	400.00
Collector of Taxes	1,600.00
Accountant	2,000.00
Registrars	140.00
Appeal Board	100.00
Building Inspector	200.00
Wire Inspector	200.00
Planning Board	25.00
Finance Committee	150.00
Elections	200.00
Board of Health	1,200.00
Inspectors of Slaughtering	1,000.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.00
Police	1,700.00
Dog Officer	60.00
Deputy Game Warden	50.00
Tree Warden	600.00
Forest Warden	1,500.00
Fire Warden	1,000.00
Moth Suppression	526.89
Dutch Elm Disease Control	263.45
Public Welfare	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
Veteran's Benefits	1,000.00
Schools	57,261.00
Vocational Education	400.00
Highways and Bridges, Selectmen's Fund	800.00
Chapter 81—Maintenance	2,850.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	6,000.00

Street Lighting	650.00
Road Machinery Maintenance	500.00
Town Halls	2,000.00
Public Grounds	250.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Town Forest	200.00
Memorial Day	250.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00
Harmony Cemetery	50.00
Mt. Vernon Cemetery	50.00
Clerical	450.00
Selectmen's Contingent Fund	500.00
Morse House	100.00
Interest on Loans	400.00
Town Reports	500.00
Town Counsel	500.00
Village Cemetery	100.00
Welfare District	198.00
Interest and Amortization of School Department	10,000.00